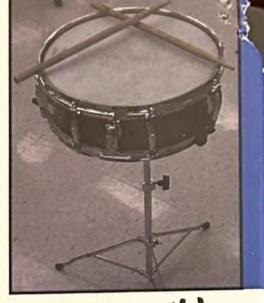


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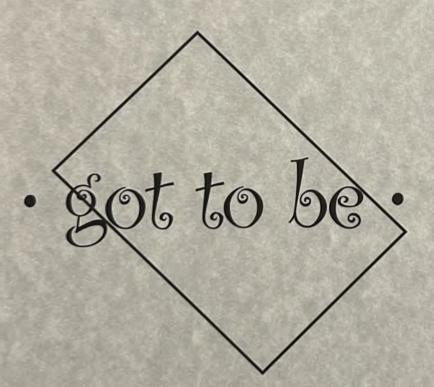
Junior Lech Harris



Senior Kathrin Aschbacher



Sophomore Cricket Vanden Berg





Seniors Mirinda LoThi, Amy Van Hall, Alicia Broach, Heather Vande Lune



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Freshmen Alison Mansueto, Luisa Orticelli, Stacey DeJoode, April Stursma and Ashley Roorda



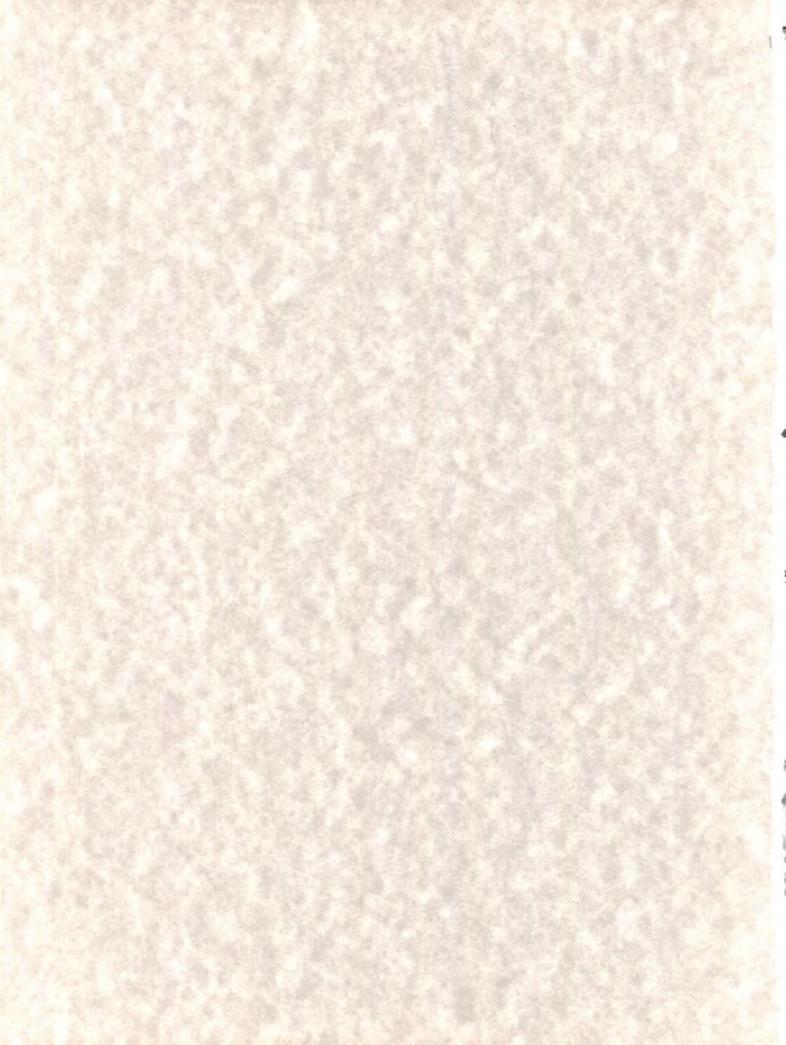
Seniors Deke Naaktgeboren, Jessica Grier, Jenny Overbergen



Junior Vance Schuring, senior Lance Roorda, junior Klayton Korver



JV Girls' Basketball Team



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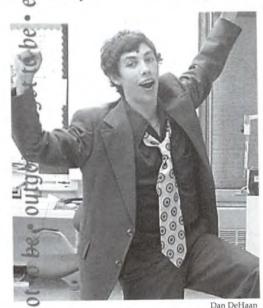
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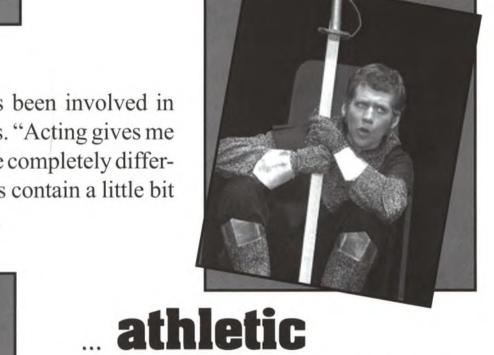


...enthusiastic

April Rus, a junior, has been a part of the cheerleading squad for three years, cheering for wrestling and football. "I'm very impressed with our squad this year. The highlight of being a cheerleader is the fact that I am one who helps get the crowd involved," said **Rus**.

...dramatic

Junior **Lech Harris** has been involved in Thespians for three years. "Acting gives me the chance to be someone completely different, but all my characters contain a little bit of myself," said **Harris**.

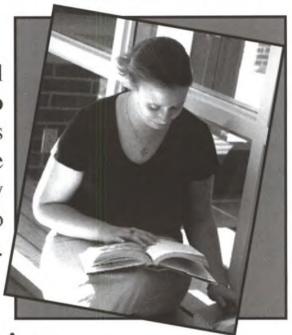


"The best part of my season this year was breaking the 200-meter free relay record," said sophomore **Emily Bensink**, who has been swimming since age seven. **Bensink** has broken seven records in her two-year career as a NCMP swim team member.

Got to be

... studious

Senior **Jenni Moore** was named a National Merit Scholar, along with classmate **Sergio Navarro**. **Moore** qualified for the semi-finals and made the top 1% of students who took the PSAT test in 2000. "It's exciting to be the only semi-finalist at our school; it is challenging to top the best scores in the nation," said **Moore**.



...creative

Executing her routine during the State Individual Competition is senior **Megan Laughlin**. **Laughlin** made the all-state drill team along with classmates **Ashley Sponsler**, **Jessica Grier**, and **Alicia Broach**. They will perform at the Girls' State Basketball Tournament in March.

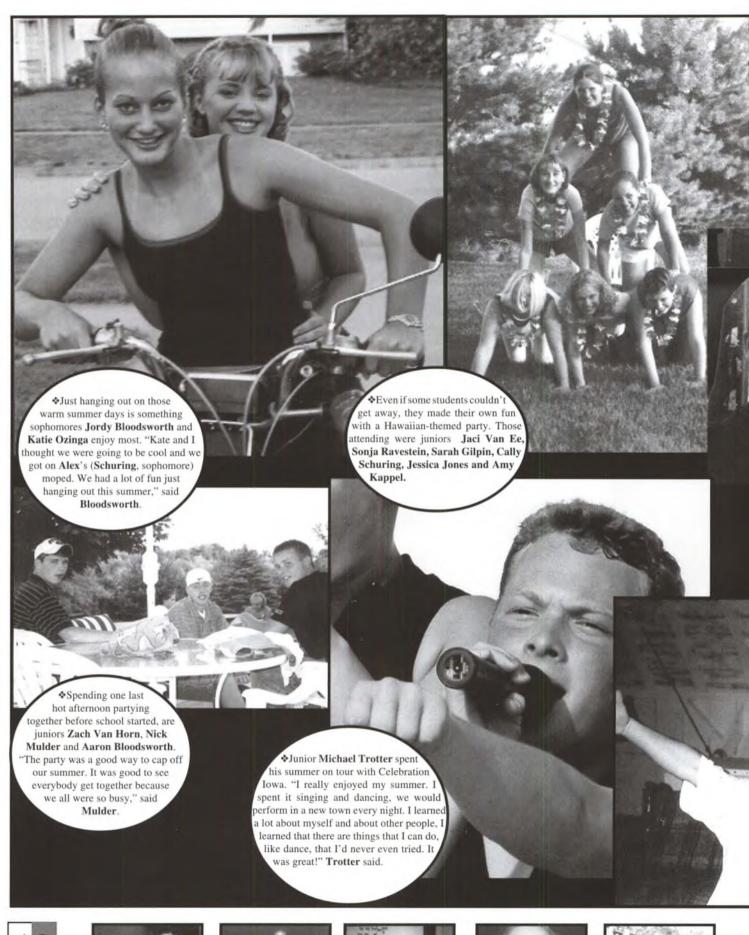


... musical

Richard Spierenburg, sophomore, plays his trumpet during the Marching Dutch's second place Valley Fest performance. "Going to all the competitions and just being in marching band was fun this year," Spierenburg said of his second year of marching band.











Chris Westra, Ryan Redman, Lance Roorda



Megan McConville, Katie VanDusseldorp



Kendi Beyers, Bible Quiz Teammates



Katie Van Dusseldorp



Sonya Ravestein



CMOPICS ... of a lifetime

Whether it was experiencing new cultures or lending a helping hand, students enjoy break

Summer... the three most anticipated months in a student's life. After over nine months of working hard at school, students waited for the last bell of the year to head out for a time of freedom and

fun. They also took advantage of this time to hang out with friends and try new experiences.

In June the French Club traveled to France. As soon as the group arrived in Paris, it was time to start the touring.

"Paris was a lot of fun, but it was kind of dirty. The sight-seeing was cool and fun, and so was the Metro," said senior Adam Larson.

After spending four days in Paris, the travelers boarded a bus and left to spend a week with a French family. Most students agreed this part cre-

ated some very nervous moments.

"I didn't know what my girl was going to be like or anything. I was really scared when I left with my family. It was an experience that I'll never forget," said junior Vanessa Boot.

Some students felt that their time could best be spent lending a helping hand to those less fortunate, across the globe.

Juniors Jocelyn Davis and Ali-

cia Heersink spent two weeks in Mexico.

"We worked on a church in Villa Madero lifting 500- pound beams two stories up with pure manpower. I also taught Bible School

> with the help of a translator," said **Heersink**.

Senior Jennifer Floden also spent time on a mission trip.

"I had the summer of a lifetime. I spent two weeks in Costa Rica. It was the most rewarding experience I've ever had. It changed my life and I can't wait to do it again," said **Floden**.

Sophomore Grace Martsching took a stand for her beliefs and attended the Just Eliminate Lies summit on the Iowa State campus, in Ames.

"Six-hundred teams came there to learn what JEL was

all about, become active members, and learn how big tobacco companies lie and deceive us. I had fun attending the carnival and concert. We also marched on the Iowa State University campus. I felt that the JEL summit was very informational and was a good chance to meet people from all over the Midwest. I thought it was fun to go out and express my passion," said Martsching.



"I thought it was fun to go out and express my passion."
Sophomore
Grace
Martsching
(with classmate

Christina Clinkenbeard)



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Abby Van Dusseldorn, Vanessa Boot, Cassie Boertie

SOFTBALL VARSITY JV-9TH



VARSITY. Kristin Wares, Ryan Kiburz, Holly Edwards, Julie Rietema. ROW 2: Julia Nurse, Emily Bensink, Lindsay Hill, Katie Sopher. ROW 3: Tara Sorensen, Chelsea Freese, Katie Ross, Laura Sopher, Kristin Sytsma, Whitney Metcalf.



JV. Tara Sorensen, Emily Bensink, Lindsay Hill. ROW 2: Laura Sopher, Kristin Sytsma, Whitney Metcalf, Katie Sopher. ROW 3: Katie Van Vark, Lauren Anderson, Coach Felicia Turnbull.



FRESHMEN. Coach Ryan Blahauvietz. ROW 2: Blair Verhoef, Danielle Descoteau, Emily Bensink, Skylar Dobernecker, Nicole Verhey, Ashley VanderHart, Whitney Metcalf, Katie VanVark, Bobbi Van Zante, Rachel Shaw.

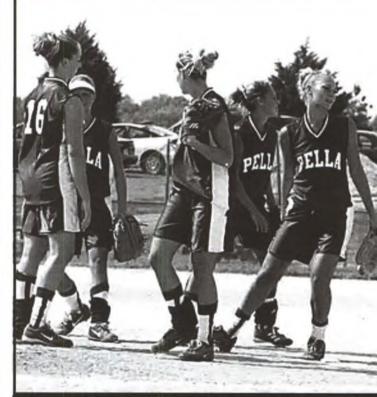








Julie Rietema



JV/9th girls help build strong program

☐ The freshmen girls started off strong by winning five of their first six games. "I believe we had a pretty good year; a lot of us tended to get down on ourselves in the middle of the season, and that slowed us down. We all learned from our mistakes, and we'll come back as strong as ever and hopefully have another great year," said sophomore Danielle Descoteau.

☐ Togetherness was a key for the softball teams. "This summer was so much fun, but I think the reason was because we were so close as a team. We all developed and learned how to work together as a team. The bus rides to the games were the best because we would always sing and do our chants," said junior Kristin Sytsma.

☐ Four girls who played freshmen also played JV, and nine of the JV girls played varsity as well. "It was sometimes stressful pitching the JV game then having to play third base in the varsity games, but it was always fun. I had so much fun with both teams," said sophomore Tara Sorensen.

GO FOR IT! Senior Katie Ross hustles to get a foul ball during a game at the Dutch Invitational. "This season was a lot of fun for our team. We had a good overall record even though we didn't make it as far as we'd have liked to, but we've improved so much in the past four years," said Ross.







Julia Nurse



Kristin Wares



Holly Edwards

Varsity girls miss state by one game

The team had a campout after a home game during July. "Sleeping out on the field was very eventful. It included our usual girl talks and our boy updates, along with some real cool boys throwing firecrackers and rocks at our tent," said senior Jennifer Spoelstra.

DHaving dedicated fans at the games was something new. The last game at Grinnell brought a lot of support. "Having many family nembers and students come to watch us made it even more fun to play. We have never gotten large crowds, but this year for some eason, we brought a lot more people, and it was awesome," said graduate Ryan Kiburz.

DEvery year the varsity girls take a trip to Ames to play some teams hey didn't normally play and have an overnight trip. "This was my irst year going to Ames. We had plenty of free time that we spent alking, shopping, and our favorite - eating!" said sophomore Chelsea Freese.

CRAZY MOVES. The Lady Dutch were close both on and off the field. The team had a little dance they did after every out. "Some looked at us like we were a little crazy, but it was fun. It only took us about four practices at the beginning of the season to figure out what we would all do," said senior Kristin Wares



SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Ankeny 1, Pella 0 Indianola 1, Pella 0 Pella 2, Pleasantville 0 Pella 2, Carlisle 1 Pella 6, Oskaloosa 0 Boone 1, Pella 0 Pella 2, Knoxville 0 Pella 3, West Harr. 0 Clarke 1, Pella 0 Pella 8, Johnston 1 SE Polk 1, Pella 0 Pella 5, DM East 0 Roosevelt 1, Pella 0 Pella 4, Pleasantville 0

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Pella 4, N. Mahaska 0 Pella 3, Grinnell 2 Waukee 1, Pella 0 Pella 10, Mont. 0 Colfax-Min 3, Pella 1 North Scott 2, Pella 0 Pella 4, Twin Cedars 0 Pella 8, Oskaloosa 4 Pella 3, Chariton 0 Pella 3, E-Blakesburg 1 Pella 1, Grinnell 0 Pella 3, DC-Grimes 1 Grinnell 1, Pella 0 Conference: 9-3, 2nd Overall Record: 26-14

Honors

First Team All-Conference: Seniors Kristin Wares, Julia Nurse Second Team All-Conference: Graduate Holly Edwards, Seniors Julie Rietema, Katie Ross, Sophomore Tara Sorensen

Honorable Mention All-Conference: Graduate Ryan Kiburz, Sophomore

Second Team All-State: Seniors Kristin Wares, Julia Nurse

Honorable Mention All-State: Senior Julie Rietema, Sophomore Tara Sorensen

Junior Varsity

15-2 (Scores were not available.)

Freshmen

Osky 5, Pella 2 Pella 4, Knoxville 0 Pella 3, PCM 2 Norwalk 12, Pella 7 Osky 8, Pella 7

Pella 5, Melcher-Dallas 2 Pella 12, Pella Ch. 4 Grinnell 11, Pella 9

Norwalk 4, Pella 0 Grinnell 11, Pella 5 Boone 4. Pella 3 Boone 6, Pella 5

emorable oments



"One of the best games was the district game against Eddyville. There were a lot of students and fans there and the game was really close and exciting.

> Sophomore Whitney Metcalf

"We made many memories; the best was singing 'Paradise by the Dashboard Lights' before every game. I think it was a chance to bring everyone together before the games and just have fun!"

> Senior Laura Sopher





BASEBALL

·VARSITY-JV-9TI



VARSITY. Dan Goodyk, Mark Ver Meer, Brian Steenhoek, Deke Naaktgeboren, Chris Hegwood, Colin Waits, Scott Mathes, Tyler Criss. ROW 2: Coach Dave Chenoweth, Coach Chris De Heus, Scott Ewell, Nick Mulder, Carson Eggland, Matt Vandevoort, Brandyn Van Zante, Brad Chamra, Coach Randy Naaktgeboren.



JUNIOR VARSITY. D.J. Henle, Tyler Cowman, Jeff Dole, Jacob Vaverka. ROW 2: Kyle Simpson, Adam Whitehead, Aaron Bloodsworth, Paul Davidson, Zach Van Horn. ROW 3: Adam Chenoweth, Kevin Van Dyke, Coach Dave Chenoweth, Lucas Waits.



FRESHMEN. Stephen Meyer, Michael Langenfeld, Chris Vos, Joe Burch, Matt Snyder, Josh Smith, Brady Van Vark. ROW 2: Jonathan Vermeer, Stephen Bandstra, Jason Pfadenhauer, Ryan Salter, Mike Edwards, Kellee Van Hemert. ROW 3: Trent Sikkema, Darvin Graham, Nick Hartson, Tyler Ver Meer, Taylor Brummel, Jon Erickson, Coach Chris De Heus.







Colin Waits



Working together brings wins

The freshmen team finished their season with a 6-9 record.

"Freshmen baseball was a very enlightening experience. We came together well, but we didn't win many games," said sophomore **Darvin Graham**.

The junior varsity team defeated the Pella Christian Eagles five times during their season. "I think our season was, all-in-all, a good one. Our best games were played against P.C. since we beat them every time," said junior Tyler Cowman.

The freshmen team had fun on the field, but they found ways to enjoy each others' company off the field. "One day when it was raining, we decided to play stick ball. We were all sliding around in the mud and having a good time until (sophomore) Taylor Brummel tackled (sophomore) Josh Smith. Josh ended up breaking his wrist. We had to settle down a little after that," said sophomore Brady Van Vark.

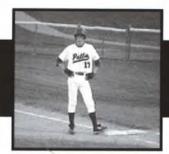
STEALING CHAMP. Senior Brandyn Van Zante looks for one of his many steals against Knoxville. "I believe that our team will bounce back well for next year. There is a lot of off-season practicing going on, and I really think it will pay off in the season to come," Van Zante said.







Matt Vandevoort



Scott Ewell



Varsity Team

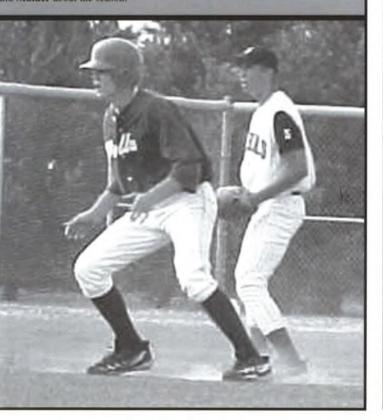
Varsity struggles with up-down season

DFollowing four losses in the beginning of the season, the varsity cam gained their confidence back to beat South Tama, 18-8. "We blayed well in the South Tama game. They were supposed to be a good team, but we hit the ball and rocked them," senior Scott Mathes said.

DAfter having an up-and-down season, the team made it to the first ound of districts to face their longtime rival, the Knoxville Panhers. "I feel we played our hearts out in districts. Chris Hegwood graduate) pitched well throughout the game. Our defense snagged every ball, and our hitting was the best it had been all year," senior Dan Goodyk said.

The varsity team came up short in many of their games by only a ew runs. "The challenging part of this year was all the close games hat we couldn't pull out a win. Overall, our season was fun and a earning experience," junior Tyler Criss said.

ELIDING HOME. Junior Nick Mulder looks up at the umpire for the 'safe' call fter sliding into home. "Though our record shows we didn't win many games, we till had a good time, especially when we hit golf balls into the lake at our banquet," aid Mulder about the season.



SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Newton 10, Pella 1 Pella 5, Chariton, 4 Knoxville 11, Pella 1 Pella Christ. 3, Pella 2 Oskaloosa 4, Pella 3 Norwalk 2, Pella 0 Pella 18, S. Tama 8 Waukee 10, Pella 1 Grinnell 4, Pella 3 Oskaloosa 11, Pella 2 Oskaloosa 12, Pella 6 Lynn.- Sully 6, Pella 4 Colf.-Mingo 7, Pella 6 Boone 10, Pella 1 Boone 10, Pella 0 Carlisle 3, Pella 1 Knoxville 7, Pella 2 Knoxville 7, Pella 0 Boone 7, Pella 3 Pella Christ. 5, Pella 2 Pella 5, Pella Christ. 3 Pella 12, Fairfield 5 Fairfield 11, Pella 3 Norwalk 5, Pella 2 Norwalk 3, Pella 0 Pella 5, Waukee 2 Waukee 7, Pella 6 Pella 9, Grinnell, 3 Grinnell 9, Pella 2 Ft. Mad. 9, Pella 7 Pella 5, Ft. Mad. 2 C'ville 4, Pella 1 C'ville 10, Pella 3 Knoxville 4, Pella 2 Conference: 3-17 Overall Record: 7-27

Honors

2nd Team All Conference - Chris Hegwood Honorable Mention - Colin Waits, Nick Mulder

JV

Newton 3, Pella 1 Pella 5, Oskaloosa, 3 Pella 7, Chariton 6 Knoxville 6, Pella 5 Pella 6, Pella Christ. 3 Norwalk 6, Pella 3 S. Tama 10, Pella 7 Pella 12, Waukee 6 Pella 8, Grinnell, 2 Pella 10, Pella Christ. 6 Pella 8, Pella Christ. 3 Pella 5, Carlisle 3 Pella 8, Boone 7 Newton 15, Pella 14 Oskaloosa 11, Pella 4 Pella 5, Oskaloosa 4 Pella 6, Pella Christ. 3 Pella 6, Pella Christ. 5 Overall Record: 12-6

Freshmen

Pella 7, Oskaloosa 4 Oskaloosa 8, Pella 2 Knoxville 7, Pella 4 Knoxville 9, Pella 1 Pella 5, Grinnell 2 Grinnell 11, Pella 4 Pella 17, Oskaloosa 1 Pella 12, Oskaloosa 3 Pella 7, Pella Christ. 2 Pella 10, Pella Christ. 0 Newton 11, Pella 6 Centerville 4, Pella 3 Centerville 7, Pella 6 Knoxville 12, Pella 3 Knoxville 4, Pella 6 Overall Record: 6-9





"Our game against Newton was close. I had to bat in the last inning with two outs and the whole time I was telling myself, 'Don't get out, don't get out....' Luckily, I didn't, but we still lost by one run due to a horrific call by the umpire."





August

School begins with ...

Heat, Homework, Heavy Hearts



Alarm. clocks. were set. for the . first time in a while . when students real- . ized that: school. started the very next · day. When the . first few students . walked. through.

the door, they were either filled with anticipation or dread.

"It was scary at first, and I felt lost. But now it's just school to me," said freshman **Ryan**. Sims.

Other students were bothered by the heat • due to the 90-degree temperatures.

"It was a pretty boring day! We really need some air conditioning up in this joint. I stick to my chair all the time," said sophomore.

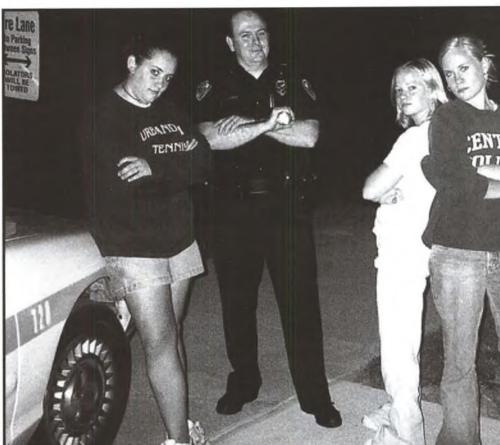
Tyler VanderLinden.

Some students were a little hesitant to begin the first day of a new year.

Junior **Kay Haustein** said, "I was a little nervous at first, but when I got here and saw some of my friends, it turned out to be pretty good. Even though it's going to be a long year, at least I'll get to see my friends every day. On the other hand, it also kind of stunk because I got a lot of homework already."

Seniors arrived knowing that this would be their last year to walk in through the doors on the first day of school.

"It was kind of scary to think that we were the oldest ones in the school. However, it was nice to have free periods," said senior Jennifer Floden.



✓ You have the right to remain silent. Seniors Ashley Pavlat, Megan McConville, Melissa Pierson, and Officer Tim Donelson playfully pose for a picture together. "The cops were really paranoid that night, so we provoked it further by talking to them. While we were talking to them, they kept looking behind their shoulders to make sure there was no one t-ping the school," said Pavlat. The seniors did not toilet paper the school as in the past.

Too Hot To Handle?

1. Do you think that students should have been let out early on some of the warmer days?

Yes-80% No-20%

2. What do you think is the appropriate temperature to be let out of school? a. 85-90 - 14% ✓b. 91-95 - 56% c. 95+ - 30%

> 3. Do you feel that the school needs air conditioning? •Yes-86% No-14%

If yes, do you think it would be fair to have students pay an air conditioning fee when they register for school? Yes-32% ✔No-68%

4. Do you think the school administration has been lenient and fair when getting out of school because of the heat? Yes-16% ✓No-84%

100 high school students, grades 9-12, took this survey.



One last hurrah

As the end of summer approached, the senior class gathered for their class party held the eve of the first day of school. Senior **Ashley Sponsler**, who lives across the street from the school, hosted the party in her front yard. The night wasn't complete until the local authorities showed up and gave a few rules to the seniors. They asked them to respect the school and to stay at least five feet from the curb of the street.

"It was really great to see everyone in my class again. We had fun making friends with police officers who came to stake us out for the night," said senior **Megan McConville**.

Seniors obeyed these rules but still decided to keep the night going by counting how many times the cops drove by. The final count was 49 times. Many seniors spent the whole night on **Sponsler's** lawn in tents.

"A bunch of guys and I spent the night in a back of a pick-up truck. In the morning, some people tried to wake us up so we decided to kick them," said senior Austin Vander Linden.

"I thought it was neat that a big chunk of our class got together and showed our class unity. It was really funny when people wrote things on the sidewalk about respect," said senior Amy Van Hall.



Senior Jaysen Lopez shows his senior pride.

New school, new life

Moving can be difficult, especially before the senior year, and senior Ali Angel knew how that felt. After living in Charles City for three years, she moved to Pella June 15.

Angel was successful in athletics in Charles City and hoped that she would contribute to athletic programs. Scoring an average of 10 points per game last year, she was awarded an all-honorable mention award for basketball. Angel was also the fifth fastest runner in cross country her sophomore year. Along with basketball and cross country, Angel also participates in golf.

Though **Angel** misses her friends in Charles City, she said, "I really like how nice everyone is here and how supportive people are if you are in a sport."

She added that Pella and Charles City are not alike at all. She thinks that Pella is a close community compared to Charles City. **Angel** believes the reason for that is Pella's Dutch heritage that brings the community closer together. Overall, **Angel** said she really enjoys Pella and the people.

Along with **Angel**, new students were as follows:

Freshman Heather Dugger-Fryman, Holly King, Cory Lovan, and Cherry Pao;

Sophomores Ashley Doty, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Evan Sevits, Tony Torres, Karen Williams, and Jarrett Zieber;

Juniors Jerry Coatney, Jason Laverman and Yoraidyl Pao;

Seniors Kathrin Aschbacher, Bob Eslick, Matt Mullen, Michael Nowak, and John Pao.

It Out

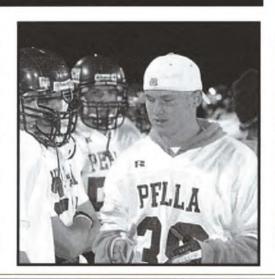
The football team's first game turned out to be the last for one junior. Vance Schuring, a runningback, was hit on his right arm by a helmet and ended up breaking his radius bone in half. He was taken to the hospital where his arm was put into a cast.

"It's really hard because I had such great expectations for myself and the team," said Schuring.

Schuring will still be helping out.

"I think I'll try to be like a coach and get the team pumped up for each game," said **Schuring**.

Still considered one of the team, junior Vance Schuring coaches from the sidelines after his arm was broken the week before at the Washington game.



Top 5 Events 08.2001

Temperatures reach into the high 80's, low 90's for two weeks straight, making the school warmer than usual.

"I don't think it was too hot so I'm not too sad." - Sophomore Sam Reicks

First win for the football team against rival Washington.

"The first game of the season was a great start. We proved to ourselves that we had what it would take to get the job done." -Senior Wade Lamb

Summer comes to an end after the shortest break ever due to a turbulent winter.

"Summer was a lot of fun because we had such a great softball season, but I hated having to come back to school because the summer seemed too short."

- Sophomore Whitney Metcalf.

Senior class party in front of the school.

"It was too bad it rained and ruined the seniors' lovely artwork out front." - Freshman Alison Mason.

School begins Aug. 22 marking a new year and the last year for 148 seniors.



Marching band members, including seniors Hillary Recker, Elizabeth Summitt, Brian Steenhoek and Sarah Way, front, and, Allison Emerick, Carson Eggland, Pete Randol, Matt Vandevoort, Ryan Redman and Karrie Peterson, back, gathered before school began to paint the bandstand used during practices.

"It was a really great time, and the b stand looks a ton better. We had fun pair each other with the extra paint," said so **Kevin Ulmer**.

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September

America Under Attack



Terrorstruck
across
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Sept. 11,
2001, when
two hijacked
planes
crashed
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another into the Pentagon as the United States government itself came under attack. The south tower of the World Trade Center was struck at 7:50 a.m.; the north tower was hit just 18 minutes later.

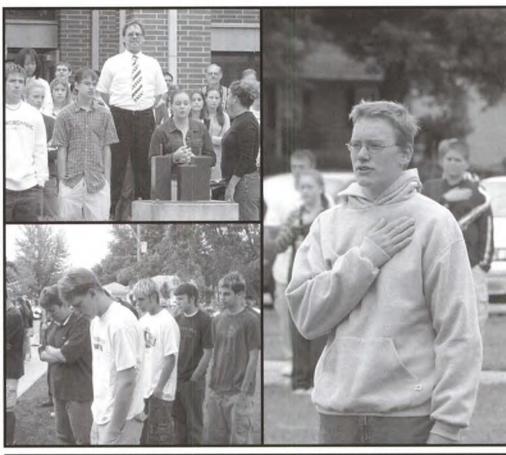
Within hours, the twin 110-story towers were sent crashing to the ground, leaving thousands dead and missing. A fourth plane was taken over by five passengers and crashed into a Pennsylvania field.

For the first time in U.S. history, all aircraft was ordered to immediately land at the nearest airport. All flights were grounded for the next day-and-a-half with less airline travel for weeks afterward.

When President **George W. Bush** spoke, he exclaimed, "... terrorism against this nation will not stand" and that we will "...regard this tragedy as an act of war."

Senior Megan McConville said, "It's very scary because it affects the whole country and has potential to start a war. It also hits home with me because I had family flying from New York to come for my brother's wedding, and now they probably won't make it."

Nearly a week-and-a-half later on Sept. 21, President Bush spoke to the nation and declared war against terrorism.



✓ PATRIOTISM ABOUNDS. English teacher Steven Woolery leads the school in a moment of silence on a national day of prayer. TIME FOR PRAYER. A group of juniors show their respect by participating in prayer. SALUTE. Senior Jonathan Whalley leads the band in the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, have you ever felt like your security was being threatened here in Iowa?

"I haven't since it's all in the East Coast, and it hasn't really spread towards this way."

Junior Lance De Vries

"No, because right now we're far enough away from the attacks but it might change in the future."

Sophomore Jenny Veenstra

"No, not really it seems kind of distant. Nothing ever happens here."

Senior Matt Pitkin

"I haven't really been threatened because I feel safe within our town of Pella."

Sophomore April Harvey

Has your opinion on flying changed since the terrorist attacks?

"It has changed because more people are selfconscious about flying, and they feel the need to have security and protection that they didn't before."

Senior Zac Van Wyk

"Yes, my opinion has changed. I think it is now safer and more reliable."

English teacher Steven Woolery

"I don't really mind it because they increased security, but I am still nervous because of people who have still gotten by security with stuff."

Freshman Alyson Fugitt

"No, it has encouraged me to fly. I love flying. I am taking a trip on a plane this summer."

Sophomore Josh Jaarsma



Fun signals summer's end

Labor Day Weekend featured great weather and a three-day vacation for most. Many people enjoyed spending time outside. Senior Ashley Sponsler, right, spent time at Lake Red Rock riding wave runners and laying out on the beach.



"We went out to

the beach every day, and we decided to go out on the jet skiis because my dad was home to put them out. We were on the lake for three hours. After that we had to go to drill team practice, and we were really tired," said senior Allison Emerick.

Freshman **Jaci Terlouw** also spent her Labor Day weekend at Lake Red Rock.

"Our family went to the lake with some friends. We went boating and got wet," said **Terlouw**.

Sophomore **Matt Goodyk** took a trip to Des Moines with some friends and spent the day at Adventureland riding rides and playing games for prizes.

"My friend distracted the guy in charge of the ring toss while my other friend reached over and put the ring on the bottle, so we won a giant stuffed dog," Goodyk said.

FHA begins year with hunt

Future Homemakers of America kicked off a new season in September with their annual scavenger hunt. The hunt consisted of following clues around the school.

After the scavenger hunt, the girls came back to the school for an ice cream sundae party. Seniors Megan Laughlin, below left, and Amanda Van Der Hart, right, laugh and enjoy each others' company as they relax and plan out the events ahead.

"I am really glad for FHA this year. We have a lot of fun things planned, and I hope it all works out well," said **Vander Hart**.

Senior Darci Pleima is FHA president.

"So far everything is going well, and our meetings are very enjoyable. I am looking forward to the February meeting because we are baking cookies for the teachers and staff," **Pleima** said.

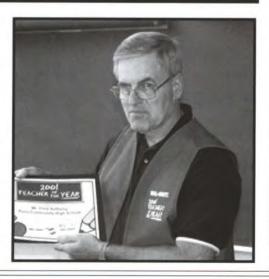
Another annual FHA event is magazine sales. That project begins next month.



✓ It Out

Two teachers were honored this month. Fred Anthony was chosen Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. Anthony (right) has taught history here for 33 years as well as four years in Guthrie Center before moving to Pella. He said that he has never stopped enjoying teaching students.

ay McKinstrey was also a winner of an award in September. He was named Nabral Insurance Educator. To win this ward, McKinstrey had to attend two weeks' worth of classes at Drake Univerity. "It's nice to win the award, and I eally appreciate receiving it," said McKinstrey.



Top 5 Events 09.2001



Three day weekend for Labor Day.

"I went to my uncle's in Missouri to have our traditional Labor Day weekend with my dad and my uncle and his family."

Senior Laura Sopher



After a 17-year winning streak, Pella lost to Knoxville on Homecoming

"It was a very devastating loss, especially for the seniors. The Knoxville students getting on our goal posts after the game was a very tasteless act. We'll remember that next year."
Junior Tyler Criss

Seniors
Elisabeth
Bruss and
Jennifer
Spoelstra get
some quick
tips from senior coach
Randy
Ozinga during the powderpuffgame.





Seniors and freshmen dominate in the 2001 Powder Puff game, 18–12.

"At our pre-game meal we braided each others' hair and got pumped up to kick some sophomore/junior booty!"

Senior Jennifer Spoelstra



The Pella police were called in due to a group of senior students dressing in 80's clothes on "Geek Dav."

"I was actually very happy that Mr. Nelson called the police because it showed how irrational he was being. We finally challenged his authority, and these are the results. We set an example all other students should follow. In the words of the Class of '02, we're not gonna take it!"

Senior Scott DePrenger



World Trade Center destroyed by terrorists

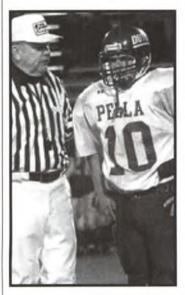
"I thought it was very cowardly but well-executed. I don't know what they were thinking because if they thought they could get away with it, they're crazy." Sophomore

Louis Vander Streek

September

Dutch bring home upset victory over Osky

With the tragedies in New York and Washington D.C. on



✓ Senior Zac Van Wyk talks with the referee at the Oskaloosa-Pella game Sept. 14. With Van Wyk's block of Osky's extra point, the Dutch were able to bring home the victory.

Sept. 11, many questioned continuing the anticipated game between rivals Pella and Oskaloosa. But, the game must go on.

"We were really psyched as a team. It gave us more desire to beat them since we were predetermined to be the underdogs of the game, on top of the rivalry between the schools," said sophomore **Jon Vermeer**.

The evening began as members of the Pella and Oskaloosa teams, including players, coaches, managers, and cheerleaders, joined hands in a moment of silence, followed by the playing of the national anthem, in remembrance of the Sept. 11 events.

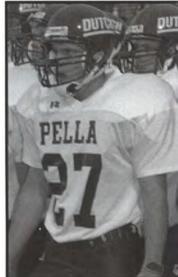
"I think the unity we had that week was the best we've seen in a long time," said senior **Carl Lovell**. "I think that was a big reason why we played so well."

The Dutch started slow and

trailed 14-7 at halftime. Returning from halftime ready to play, the Dutch scored in the third quarter to tie the game. With the adrenaline rushing, the Dutch brought it back to the end zone to score again, taking the lead from Osky. With only seven minutes remaining in the game, Oskaloosa pushed one through the Dutch defense, putting them one point behind the Dutch. Senior **Zac Van Wyk** blocked Osky's attempt for an extra point, bringing the victory to Pella, 21-20.

Junior **Jim Dingeman** said, "I think that the game went well overall, and the fact that we came out on top helped our confidence."

"Before the game started, we were angry that we were supposed to lose by 20 points. That made the team want to win even more," said senior **David Van Wyk**. "We had a big talk as a team in the locker



✓Senior David Van Wyk, co-captain of the football team, leads the Dutch back the field against Oskaloosa.

room. We went in with a winnin attitude. Losing was not an optio We played together as a team ar pulled out a win."

HE SAID



"It was fun to golf with friends and watch **Katie** (**Van Dusseldorp**, senior) and **Sarah** (**Way**, senior) make fools of themselves."

> Senior Wade Lamb

SHE SAID



"Since I'm horrible at golf, the golf trip for P.E. was enough to last a lifetime!"

Senior Elisabeth Bruss



Practice begins for all-school play:

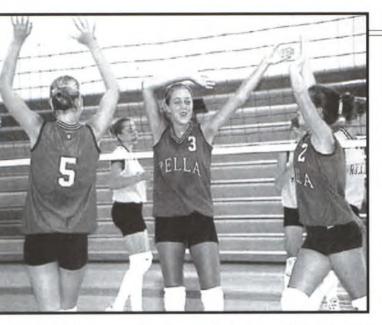
Practice makes perfect for senior **Allison Emerick** and sophor **Toney Chem**, above, who were cast as Nancy Grandby and Hopkins in "*The Simple Truth*." The play was based on the difficor being honest in a relationship.

Instead of a traditional play, this year the evening will be filled five one-act plays. The plays will be presented Nov. 1 and 2.

"I wanted to do a night of one-acts because it would involve n students. One-acts provided an opportunity for more people to l larger parts. I also wanted to tell different stories," said Director Sta Woolery.

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September



Celebrating their tournament championship, juniors Jena Marlow, Heather raayenbrink, and Lindsay Korver take a moment to enjoy their hard-earned victory are defeating four teams during their first tournament played in Albia Sept. 1.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it all pays off in the end."

Sophomore Emily Bensink

Sophomore Emily
Bensink, right, proved
herself almost unstoppable by individually
breaking (or breaking
with a relay) seven school
swimming records. The
records that include



Bensink's name are the 50-meter free style, 100-meter free style, 200-meter relay (with teammates Smit, Wetter, and Tomlonovic), the 400-meter and 400-yard free relay (with teammates Wetter, Tomlonovic, and junior Nicole Beyer), the 100-meter back stroke, and 50-yard (tied).

Volleyball crashes Albia Tourney, wins championship

Coming to the Albia Tournanent with five matches under their elts, the undefeated Lady Dutch were prepared to play hard in their rest tournament. Despite the hot and humid weather conditions inde the gym, the volleyball team

was able to step ahead of the competition throughout the day to claim the championship.

Playing four different teams during the afternoon, the Lady Dutch came on strong and ready to play for each one, Falling short to the Dutch were teams from Moravia 15-0 and 15-10, Albia 15-10 and 15-8, Melcher Dallas 15-8 and 15-12. Defeating Eddyville-Blakesburg 15-13 and 15-4, the Dutch volleyball team brought home the tournament champion-ship.

"The Albia tournament was a lot of fun," said junior Jena Marlow. "We played well and came together as a team. The Eddyville team was really tough, but we were one step ahead of them." Marlow led the team with 49 assists, and junior Heather Kraayenbrink had a team high of 23 digs and led the team in blocks with 18.

Teammate Tracy Marlow, a junior, led the team with 31 kills in 63 attempts throughout the tournament. Both Jena and Tracy Marlow walked out of the day with six aces each while Kraayenbrink

had five

"We had a pretty good day at Albia, winning all of our games. It was a great first tourney to go to and play a variety of teams. It was fun to get a trophy and play some good volleyball all day," said senior Julie Rietema.

Coach Mary Carnell added, "Everyone got good playing time and stepped up. It went really well."

On Tues., Sept. 4, the Dutch stepped up again to defeat the Grinnell Tigers, grasping their first conference victory 15-4, 15-4, and 15-0.

Tracy Marlow dominated the net with six kills of 11 attempts while Kraayenbrink had five kills in 12 attempts. Jena Marlow had a team high 15 assists; Rietema led the way with nine digs.

Forté Tryouts – state competition team 09.24.01

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"The tryouts helped me become more responsible ... getting my stuff organized ... being on time."

Junior Emily Filer



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to go to many practices bewcause of volleyball."

Sophomore Lindsay Graham



Faaaasssssst Fact

During Labor Day weekend, senior Adam Larson attended the Allianz Senior Golf Tournament in Des Moines. He received an autographed golf ball from professional golfer Gil Moran, who placed second at the tournament

Did You Know?

Nineteen new students joined classes at the beginning of the school year, including five freshmen (Heather Dugger-Fryman, Holly King, Cory Lovan, Jenny Torres, Cherry Pao), five sophomores (Ashley Doty, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Evan Sevits, Tony Torres, Karen Williams), three juniors (Jason Laverman, Yoraidyl Pao, Jamie Stearns), and six seniors (Ali Angel, Kathrin Aschbacher, Bob Eslick, Matt Mullen, Michal Nowak, John





Although many students may remember spending their Fridays in foreign language classes watching a movie, this will no longer be taking place. This year all movies must be approved by Principal Mark Lee before they can be shown.



***MORE IS BETTER**

paper classes last year, this was also done this year with the large number of students in yearbook classes, both advised by Ann Visser, "Obviously it's great to have more students involved with yearbook and newspaper. However, because things tend to be a little crazy in the publications world, it just means I have more hours of chaos. I love it!" said Visser.



Two new teams were added to the dance roster - junior varsity Forté and the men of Forté. The JV gave the girls a chance to get used to performing in front of a crowd; the girls can then try out again next year. The men of Forté added a new dimension. "I had a lot of fun with the entire team. It was really cool how Mrs. (Charlee) Eekhoff incorporated all our ideas into our dance routines," said sophomore Micaela Grob, JV



Some new fashion trends were deemed inappropriate. "The administration, with the advice of the staff, feel that it is inappropriate for girls to wear tube tops, bathing suits, slings, and other pieces of clothing that expose their stomachs (belly button) and/or other areas. For boys, it seems inappropriate to wear tank tops or muscle shirts that expose the chest (2001-2002 student handbook)."



***YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED**

Although it was the second year for parking tags, this was the first year the rule is consistently enforced. "Students must register and obtain a parking tag in order to park on school grounds (2001-2002 student handbook)." "I think it's just another poor excuse to cheat the students out of more money," said senior Randy Ozinga.



With the success of separating news-

***BEAUTIFUL MUSIC**

This year chorus was split into two classes. Fifth period remained as a non-audition choir meeting three days a week; an eighth hour class was added, by audition only, meeting daily. "It's been a really good thing,

we can work at a faster pace. It al allows us to get the best of bo worlds: big choir numbers and inc vidual attention. It's also easier pick music," said director Nickol Porhorsky-Sand.













Corey Thorson, p.c.



Carrie Oppenhuizen,



Cathy Hones, science

With a new school year came changes for students and faculty

Change was inevitable, and it appeared in many shapes and forms during the school year.

Changes were brought to the roster of sports teams and extracurriculars. The Men of Forté was formed after Alex Ung (former student) expressed interest in having a men's team. The group mastered two routines, the Matrix and a hip-hop. Choreography for both routines was by sophomore Toney Chem and junior Nancy

"Doing choreography was fun. It was kind of hard because Toney (Chem) and I disagreed over certain moves. However, this has been an awesome experience," said Phiv.

Boys' drill team practice began at the same time as the girls, but they usually practiced only twice a week. Although counting out dance steps and learning moves was a new experience for most, winning second place at state for their Matrix routine helped make all the hard work worthwhile.

"Guys' drill team was mighty fine," said sophomore David Trotter.

A bowling team was also added this year. Students tried out for the team and were selected based on form, attitude, and their scores. Many students were very excited to hear about this new option.

"I'm really glad that it started because I really can't get onto many other sports," sophomore Brandi Vink.

The competition for the boys ran a little higher than for the girls as more males tried out for the open spots on the team.

"I'm constantly practicing, working on keeping my score up, and trying to improve on my form. I'm there (at the bowling alley) about every day," said freshman Cory Lovan.

***GETTING INTO SHAPE**

A new option for P.E. appealed to junior Cody Beaver. Personal fitness, taught by Margene Van Horn, allowed students to create their own fitness program and stick with it by exercising every day for one period. Beaver uses his time to work out in the weight room.



Tony Torres







Ashley Lukens

Ashley Doty

Did You Know?

Since the late
1940's Skit Night
had been a part
of Homecoming
tradition.

◆We're Not Going to Take It For the senior skit, senior Scott De Prenger dressed as a rock star. He took the stage and started singing, "We're Not Going to Take It." The senior class followed his lead and went on stage to sing as well.



+Singing Classics

During the coronation ceremony held Monday morning, junior **Michael Trotter** sang the oldies classic "Earth Angel" while the candidates walked down the aisle.



◆Teamwork Wins the Game Senior Karrie Peterson runs for the touchdown while senior Julie Rietema blocks for her. The senior/ freshman team defeated the junior/ sophomore team, 18-12.



◆Reigning Over the Week

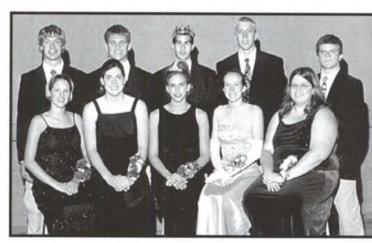
Seniors Sergio Navarro and Ashley Sponsler address the student body just moments after being announced as the 2001 Homecoming King and Queen.



♦Tin is In

Seniors Scott Mathes and Josh Printz wrap themselves up in tin foil to be Knights in Shining Armor. "Dressing up in the tin was fun; it was out of the ordinary. Since we couldn't have our senior dress-up days, we decided to be original. Then we fought the battle to death. Scott ended up being more fierce," said Printz.





♦ Homecoming Royalty. Elizabeth Summitt, Julie Rietema, Queen Ashley Sponsler, Sarah Way, Hilary Pearson. BACK: Scott DePrenger Scott Mathes, King Sergio Navarro, Kevin Ulmer, Zach Van Wyk. "I was surprised and honored to be nominated for the court. I appreciated the support I received from my peers. It was an honor to represent my school. The best part of being on the court was before the coronation all of the girls went over to Ashley's house to get ready. I also enjoyed eating lunch with all of our parents even though the food was kind of bad," Pearson said.





The Royal Court



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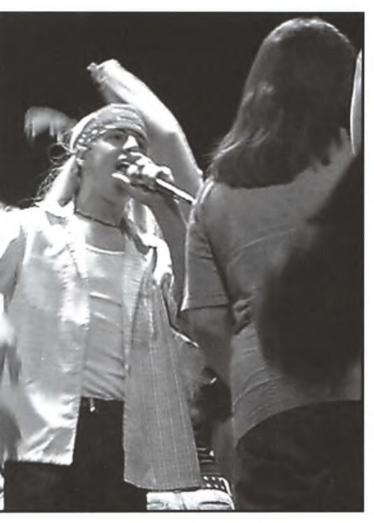
Ryan Hulleman, Matt De Vries



Kevin Ulmer, Sarah Way



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Sergio Navarro



Amanda Chapman, Lindsay Mc Farland

changing

In with the new, out with the old was Homecoming emphasis

It wasn't the same old Homecoming everyone had been used to for years. It was Homecoming with a new schedule, new activities - Homecoming with a twist.

Wednesday of Homecoming week, classes were dismissed early for class competitions and skits. Activities that students participated in included the lip sync contest, pie eating, and capture the flag.

"I would have to say the positive thing about Homecoming was when **Ashley Braun** (junior) sang 'I Think We're Alone Now' for the lip sync contest," said junior **Abby Van Dusseldorp**.

Seniors' tradition of following their own dress up days was met with resistance by the administration. When seniors designated Wednesday as Rock Star Day, the majority of them dressed as punks. This was defined by the administration as not being dressed appropriately for Geek Day. Ten students were asked to go home and change, but they refused.

"It was a day (Wednesday) that I really just wanted to have fun. I thought that the administration took inappropriate and unnecessary actions," said senior **Scott DePrenger**.

Assistant Principal Eric Nelson said, "My goal was to make it through the week without any confrontations. Working out a compromise between the students and myself was the best solution. They were allowed to stay."

Coronation ceremonies were held Monday morning as opposed to later in the week.

"I liked the King and Queen coronation at the beginning of the week; they get more recognition then," said business teacher Mary Dickinson.

"Even though it has changed from years past, I think that more people are getting involved in activities most of all. I liked watching the class competitions and playing in the powder puff game for the first time," said sophomore **Stephanie Kindred**.

+Gettin' Their Groove On

Sophomore Jeni Cervellera and freshman Madi Van Haaften get into the music at the Homecoming dance following the football game. KB of Knoxville provided the tunes for the dance.



Aelissa Pierson, Jennifer Spoelstra



Danielle Jacobson



Sophomore Human Slinkys



Erica Knoll, Megan Mc Conville



Thomas Fritz



Did You Know?

The last time Pella lost to Knoxville was in 1983. At that time 93 percent of the student body was not even in existence. One new addition to the staff, English teacher Wendy Chaplin, was five.

Stop the Panthers

Although junior Ben Bollard was able to stop the panther run on this play, the Dutch would not end the game with a victory. "Knoxville is a big rival for us, and we know they are going to be ready to play us. I thought that we played hard and had a chance all the way to the end, but we couldn't pull it off," said Bollard.



♦Serving up a big win.

"The Knoxville game was lots of fun! All the girls got to play, and it was great beating them in games Homecoming week!" said junior Aleisha Brummel. The volleyball team swept Knoxville, 3-0.



&Go! Go!

The Homecoming dance crowd included juniors Tremaine Versteeg and Katelyn DePenning who participated in the dance. "Taking into account that many people were bummed about the game and we had to leave extremely early for volleyball the next morning, I'd say all went fairly well," said Versteeg.



Pump, Pump, Pump it up!

"I think pep assemblies are an important part of Homecoming tradition because they get the students motivated for the football game, and it was a great time," said senior Matt Santiago. The assembly was Friday last period. It included the awarding of the spirit shoe and the week's results of competitions.



♦In Honor of Royalty

The Homecoming court was presented before the varsity football game. The court has been part of the homecoming tradition for over 50 years. This year's king was Sergio Navarro; queen was Ashley Sponsler. "Being king was a memorable experience and an honor to be a representative of our high school, even though we lost the football game," said Navarro.





***Making New Traditions**

For the third consecutive year, the tuba line made a habit of sitting during their halftime show. Tuba players left to right are sophomores Collin Knoll and Jacob Vaverka, senior Joey Rozendaal, freshman Kyle

Oppenhuizen and sophomores Jos Rozendaal and Jason Nunnikhover

"I like the new tradition becaus while everyone else learns to block new song, we get to sit down," sai Josh Rozendaal.







Shelley VanderWerfl















Varsity Football Team



Ryan Redman, Jaysen Lopez

keeping tradition

Homecoming traditions may vary, but some aspects will always be the same

omecoming is constantly evolving. For an event so dependent on tradition, it is almost never the same.

Among this year's Homecoming changes were an abundance of pep rallies. The fall sports teams' captains, Forté, cheerleaders, and the homecoming court went to all of the elementary schools and the middle school. Their final stop was the high school.

"I thought the pep assembly this year was one of the best because people knew what they were doing, and they did it with a positive attitude," said sophomore Kelly Hudson.

Forté co-captain Megan Laughlin (senior) said, "I thought our performance at the pep rally went well because we already had practice in front of the elementary schools. I thought it was a good way to start the year."

Although Homecoming has seen many changes over the years, one never-changing aspect is the football game. The Homecoming 2001 opponent was the Knoxville Panthers, and, for the first time since 1983, the team lost to Knoxville, 10-6.

"We didn't come out to play," said senior David VanWyk.

The loss to the Panthers was a big disappointment for many students and players alike.

"I was really disappointed that we lost not only because it was Homecoming, but because it was my last Homecoming," said senior Katie Roorda.

A dance concluded Homecoming activities. It was held in the high school lobby and went from after the game until midnight.

"I don't really like dances, but girls and singing for the entire student body made it fun," said senior Scott DePrenger.

♦Running for the End Zone

Reaching for the first down, freshman Ryan Sims is tackled by a Knoxville defender.

"We were able to run the ball better

in the second half than the first half," said Sims.

The Dutch won the freshman game, 14-12.









FOOTBALL -VARSITY-JV-9TH



VARSITY. Trainer Ashley Pavlat, Trainer Erica Knoll, Jonathan Vermeer, Marc Kucinski, Dan Wichhart, Billy Fox, Tyler Cowman, Jaysen Lopez, John Cogley, Matt Santiago, Manager Melissa Pierson, Manager Katie Roorda, ROW 2: Carl Lovell, Zac Van Wyk, David Van Wyk, Scott Mathes, Wade Lamb, Lance Roorda, Randy Ozinga, Tyler Beerends, Matt De Vries, Phillip Fitch, Scott De Prenger. ROW 3: Trainer Andrea Brobst, Bryan Vander Meiden, Jason Laverman, Andy Kinne, D.J. Henle, Ray J. Lovell, Tyler Criss, Ben Bollard, Kevin Van Dyke, Chris Shrout, Dustin Eick, Manager Jocelyn Davis. ROW 4: Aaron Bloodsworth, Zach Van Horn, Chris Durham, Jim Dingeman, Jeff Steenhoek, Tyler Roose, Klayton Korver. Scott Ewell, Luke Ballenger, Vance Schuring, Lucas Waits. ROW 5: Coach Gary Vos, Coach Craig Wassenaar, Coach Jay Mc Kinstrey, Coach Matt Schulte, Coach Brian Huddle, Coach Roger De Waard.



JUNIOR VARSITY.Brandon Dusanic, Trent Sikkema, Chakong Vue, Matt Terlouw, Chris Landon, Dustin De Haan, Jarrett Zieber, Nick Fitch ROW 2: Jon Erickson, Michael Langenfield, Jacob Vaverka, Josh Smith, Chris Corbin, Matt Van Maanen, Mike Edwards, Joe Burch, Jon Vermeer ROW 3: Don Trotter, Colin Knoll, Mike Salz. Chris Vos. Tim Newendorp, Jasen Dahm, Brad McNabb, Ryan Salter, Drew Wilson ROW 4: Dustin Pitt, Bryce Steenhoek, Taylor Brummel, Tyler Vermeer, Jason Pfadenhaur, Andy Hawkins, Jeremy Olson, Stephen Bandstra, Mike VanDusseldorp.



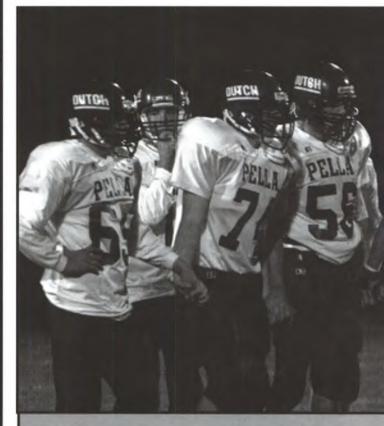
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Lance Roorda

Taylor Lind



JV/9th both end with 5-3 records

The entire freshman team showed up to practice one day with ju their shoulder pads and helmets because senior captain Scott Mathe found humor in misinforming the team about what they were to wea

During a practice sophomore **Tim Newendorp** got chocked by h chin strap, and no one would help him. They just watched and laughe

□Both the freshman and JV teams felt their seasons went well.

"We had a successful season. We improved a lot. The highlight of m year was getting an interception during the Grinnell game. That was the first time we had beat them," said sophomore Michael Langenfeld

Sophomore Jacob Vaverka agreed. "The JV season went well. W learned a lot and got a lot accomplished."

Freshman Ryan Van Roekel said, "It was the first time we ever ha a winning season; it was lots of fun."

Both teams ended the season with 5-3 records.

DETERMINATION. Sophomore Jon Vermeer punts the ball away during the Os game. "The season was fun, but got a little long playing varsity and JV. I learned a playing JV and dressing varsity; it taught me what it was like on the varsity leve Vermeer said.







Zac Van Wyk



Derek Forsythe



Scott Ewell

Varsity misses play-offs by a game

Dregame meals were held every Thursday at the Pizza Ranch. Following the meal the team would watch a movie. Junior Kevin Van Dyk said, "Team meals gave an opportunity for the players and coaches to energize and relax after a hard and stressful day of school."

Seniors Zac Van Wyk, Scott De Prenger, Tyler Beerends, and David Van Wyk were undefeated every Wednesday in what they called Relay Wednesdays, including somersaults, crab walking, and the bear crawl. "We were unbeatable, unstoppable, forces to be reckoned with," said senior David.

Despite the Sept. 11 national tragedy, the Dutch came through with a big win against Osky. "Our best game was the Osky game; we played hard and had a good season. We didn't make it as far as we wanted," said junior Jonathan Miller.

☐Before each game senior Scott Mathes lead the team in a cheer called the blood cheer to psych the team up for the game.

TEAM UNITY. Junior Chris Durham holds hands with his teammates during the Saydel game. "I think that we all pulled together really well. The senior leadership was excellent, too," said Durham.



SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Pella 31, Washington 14 Pella 42, Clarke 7 Pella 21, Oskaloosa 20 Grinnell 23, Pella 7 Knoxville 10, Pella 6 Homecoming

District Record: 4-3 Overall Record: 6-3

Pella 42, Saydel 6

Pella 42. Nevada 14

South Tama 7, Pella 3

Pella 42, Norwalk 21

Honors

All-State: 2nd Team: Senior Scott Mathes

All-District:

First Team: Seniors Scott Mathes, Zac Van Wyk, and Tyler Beerends Juniors Nick Mulder, Ray J. Lovell, and Billy Fox Honorable Mention: Juniors Luke Ballenger and Klayton Korver

JV

Pella 32, Washington 20 Pella 27, Oskaloosa 6 Pella 14, Grinnell 0 Knoxville 42, Pella 15 Pekin 20, Pella 8 Pella 41, Nevada 8 South Tama 47, Pella 20 Pella 28, Norwalk 0 Overall Record: 5-3

Freshmen

Pella 39, Washington 0 Pella 26, Clarke 6 Oskaloosa 44, Pella 28 Grinnell 27, Pella 16 Pella 14, Knoxville 12 Saydel 26, Pella 23 Pella 44, Nevada 14 Pella 49, South Tama 24 Norwalk 48 Pella 26 Overall Record: 5-3



"The role as a captain was a great experience throughout the year, and it was nice to be able to say something about the season at the banquet. It was funny when Coach Bensink referred to his sophomore team as freshmen."

Senior Scott Mathes



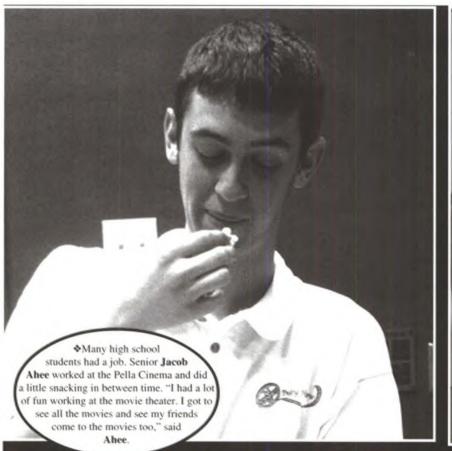


"Two days before the Saydel game, I got a concussion during practice. The next day at team meal, I couldn't feel the whole left side of my body."

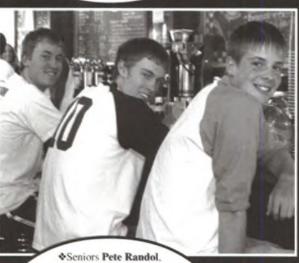
Senior Tyler Beerends
(with senior Matt Santiago)



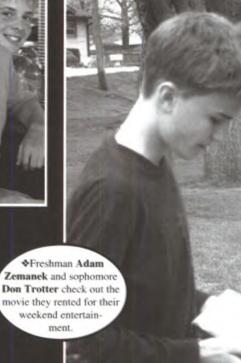
Feetball







Ryan Redman, and Dan Goodyk grab a bite to eat at Smokey Row. Goodyk said, "There wasn't a whole lot to do, so we usually just ended up eating somewhere. Smokey Row was always open when we were out usually, unless it's really late, then we had to go to Hy-Vee."

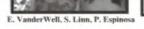














bring relief from school
From movies to dates to road trips,

students find ways to make weekends fun

Friday, finally! Weekends were highly-anticipated for most high school students. Whether it meant spending time with friends, boy/ girlfriends, or just relaxing, it was a time to get away from the class-

room and normal everyday routine.

"On the weekends I worked one night at Dr. Salami's, and the other night I usually hung out with my friends, went partying or helped out with my cousin's band, Exit 60," said senior Staci Kruseman.

Hanging out with out-of-town friends was common for many students.

"Jackie Van Zante (senior) and I liked to go to Osky to our favorite Mexican restaurant and went out and chilled with a couple guys from Osky and went to their place to play pool," said junior Gina Boles.

What the family did often played a part in what students did on the weekends.

Freshman Allison

Mason said, "In the winter I usually got 'drug' along to all the Central men's basketball games, of course, just to support my dad!" Sophomore Sara Shetterly

said, "I sang at a church in Fairfield pretty much the whole weekend. or at least part of it. If I wasn't there, I usually just went to the movies or hung out with my friends." Even if students did

have to stay in town. they could find plenty to do.

"My friends and I usually went paintballing out by a friend's house. It sometimes got a little crazy!" said freshman Trevor Hoeksema.

Senior Brianne Schutte said, "My friends and I usually didn't find too much going on until later in the night. so we go out to eat and then find some fun place to go after that and hang out."

Spending time with a significant other was an option for many students.

"My weekends were usually spent playing basketball or being with my girlfriend. Tara Sorensen (sophomore). We always had a good time, even

though neither of us could decide what to do, and we spent half of the night figuring something out," said junior Nick Mulder.



to eat and then find some fun place to go after that and hang out." -Senior Brianne Schutte. right, with classmate Katie Roorda



Bryan VanderMeiden

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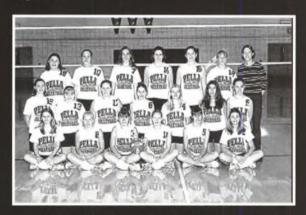
Volleyball varsity JV-9TH



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. Katie Kniff, Brittany McCulla, Lindsay Korver, Tremaine Versteeg. ROW 2: Heather Kraayenbrink, Julie Rietema, Jena Marlow. ROW 3: Tracy Marlow, Aleisha Brummel, Alison Corbett. ROW 4: Kayla Kafka, Coach Mary Carnell, Morgan Kelly.



JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. Becky Steenhoek, Lindsey VanderWert, Lauren Birkel, Lindsay Graham, Danielle Descoteau, Alison Corbett, Lacey Beyer, Jordy Bloodsworth, Tara Sorensen, Danielle Brillhart, Lara Van Wyk. ROW 2: Chrissy Buitenwerf, Emily Goodyk, Kelly Hudson, Micaela Grob, Rachel Barnes, Angela LoThi.



FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL. Kate Hamlin, Stacey DeJoode, Lacey Pender, Alyssa Haman, Jordan Williams, Crystal Elsloo. ROW 2:Takara Hrdlicka, Megan Bender, Ashley Dewitt, Laura Mitchell, Erika Engelbrecht, April Stursma, Alison Mason. ROW 3: Monica Davids, Alli Linn, Luisa Orticelli, Allison Mansueto, Kassie Sneller, Jaci Terlouw, Coach Jen Vogt.



Julie Rietema



Jordy Bloodsworth



JV/9th make gains during season

The JV volleyball team placed second at the South Tama Tourna ment, which was the only tournament the team played in. "I've neve seen our team play with such confidence. We really came together to play. It was a great feeling. Coach Brenda Versteeg is an excellent teacher of the game, and that day really proved it," said sophomore Angela LoThi.

OMembers of the freshman team felt that placing second at the Pell Christian and Nevada tournaments were major highlights of the year "We got so pumped up we could barely stay seated on the bench. A lo of people improved, and we didn't want the season to end," said freshman April Stursma.

"The match against Norwalk we really pulled together. Everyon was in really high spirits and excited to play. We ended up beating them 15-0," said sophomore Lindsey Vander Wert. The JV team beat Norwalk, 2-0 and earned an ice cream party from Coach Versteeg with their shutout in the second game.

BUMP, SET, SPIKE. Bumping the ball over the net during the JV's match agains Knoxville is sophomore setter Becky Steenhoek. "Volleyball was a blast this year Even though our season wasn't very successful as far as the record goes, I had a lot of fun and really enjoyed being a part of the team," said Steenhoek.







Tremaine Versteeg



Jordan Williams



Lacey Beyer

Varsity racks up winning season

The winning season carried over off the court for the varsity. Juniors Aleisha Brummel, Kayla Kafka, Morgan Kelly, Lindsay Korver, Heather Kraayenbrink, Jena Marlow, Tracy Marlow, and Tremaine Versteeg made the academic all conference team.

Defeating Des Moines Lincoln in the first round of regionals was highlight for the team. "After having a slow start, we knew we had o pick it up for the next three games. Lincoln was a good team and beating them really gave us confidence," said junior Tracy Marlow.

The team ended their season in the second round of regionals with a 3-15, 4-15, 15-12, 13-15 loss to Osky . "We dug ourselves nto a hole the first two games, but we never gave up. We gave it our all and that's something to be proud of. I think our team earned some respect from people who doubted that we could play with the oig teams," said junior Lindsay Korver.

EEP THE INTENSITY Middle hitter Heather Kraayenbrink, a junior, oncentrates between plays during the team's loss to Pella Christian. "It was a big sappointment to lose to PC. We had been looking forward to the game all year, but ey just played like they wanted it more," said Kraayenbrink.



SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Albia T	ourn.	8-0
Grinnel	l	3-0
Southea	st Polk	2-0
Newton		2-1
Oskaloo	sa	1-3
Urbanda	ale Tourn.	6-3
Boone		0-3
South T	ama Tourn.	8-2
Knoxvil	le	3-0
Newton	Tourn.	7-3
Pella Ch	ristian	1-3
Pella In	vite	9-1
Norwall	ζ.	3-0
Waukee		3-0
Knoxvil	le Tourn.	5-5
Districts	s:	
D.M. Li	ncoln	3-1
Oskaloo	sa	1-3
Overall	record: 25-8	-2

Honors

All-Conference: 1st team: Tracy Marlow, Julie Rietema 2nd team: Jena Marlow, Heather Kraavenbrink Honorable mention:Lindsay Korver, Tremaine Versteeg

JV	
Grinnell	2-0
Southeast Polk	0-2
Newton	0-2
Oskaloosa	0-2
South Tama Tourn.	7-4
PCM quad.	2-4
Boone	0-2
Knoxville	1-2
Pella Christian	0-2
Norwalk	2-0
Waukee	2-0
Overall record: 7-8-2)

Freshmen

Grinnell	0-2
Southeast Polk	2-0
Newton	0-2
Urbandale Tourn.	5-3
Oskaloosa	1-2
Pella Christian To	urn. 8-7
Boone	0-2
Knoxville	1-2
Nevada Tourn.	7-5
Pella Christian	1-2
Norwalk	2-0
Waukee	2-1
Overall record: 9-	7-9

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"We had an ice cream sundae party. It was great because we dripped ice cream all over the gym floor."

Freshman Alison Mason

"We all came together and played as a team at the South Tama Tournament; it was exciting to see all our hard work pay off."

Sophomore Tara Sorensen





were at the pre-districts sleepover. We really grew close as a team that night."

Junior Morgan Kelly



. The Results.

Davis County Class 3A: 1st Place

Best Drumline Best Colorguard Best Drum Majors

ValleyFest Showdown Class B: 2nd Place

> Best Colorguard Best Horn Line

Iowa Band Championships - Pella Divison I Rating

Ankeny Mid-Iowa Band Championships Class 3A: 2nd Place

Best Colorguard

♦Solo Time

During one of his two solos, this one in "Land of Make Believe," junior Jeff Dole performs at the UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls. "It was fun being able to play in front of such a huge crowd," said Dole, "plus I enjoyed being able to have the rifle line dance around me."



*Leaders of the Band

Creating their own salutes was a highlight for drum majors **Kevin Ulmer**, senior, **Ashley Braun**, junior, and **Jonathan Whalley**, senior. "We had a different salute for each performance that were derived from drill team maneuvers and salute techniques," said **Whalley**.



❖Keeping the Beat

At the beginning of the year, the drum line struggled as two of the seven snare drum players were new members. "It took us awhile to get together, but at the end of the season, we got our hands moving and pulled off a great show," said sophomore Izaac Holt.



Challenging Year

The colorguard this year struggled in having more new members than old, but they worked hard and pulled off an undefeated season. "The biggest challenge was remembering the timing for some of the movements and the dance parts, but by the end of the year, we looked great," said junior Lindsay McFarland.





*Nailing the Notes

Senior mellaphone player **Bryan George** plays his part of a duet with classmate **Grant Van Den Berg**. They performed in two of the three tunes.

"Being in a duet put pressure of Grant and me during the compet tions, but it paid off after we nailed at Ankeny," said **George**.





Collin Knoll



Nathan DeHeer







Saxophone Line Josh Printz, Brandyn Van Zante, Scott Mathes











Katie Ross



Pete Rando

keeping

Trying to speed up the beat in "Spain" and going over the time limit at Valleyfest forced the band to maintain tempo

With a tribute to Chuck Mangione and Chick Corea as the backbone, the Marching Dutch found a challenge with this year's show.

"The total package ranked up there with all the challenging shows we've had with the consideration of not just the music but also the marching of the drill," said Director **Guy Blair**.

This year was the best weather the band has seen in a long time, but there were those extremely humid days that everyone could have done without.

"It felt good to sweat everyday at 7:30 in the morning and then attend a full day of school," said senior **Karrie Peterson.**

At the Davis County competition, the band swept everyone in their class and won everything overall. At Valley, the band thought they had first place secured, but it ended up they exceeded the time limit which cost them first place.

The Marching Dutch performed in Pella for the Iowa Band Championships and received their 27th consecutive Division I rating. They then traveled to Ankeny for the Mid-Iowa Band Championships. After their performance, the band was ecstatic.

"It was a great feeling after we snapped down our horns and the audience sprang to their feet with clapping hands," said junior Chris Boeyink.

The Marching Dutch ended up in second place, losing by a sixth of a point to the Orange City Flying Dutchmen.

The marching season didn't end until Nov. 16 when the band marched in Cedar Falls at the UNI-Dome for the football championships halftimes.

Dazzling the Crowd

Senior Sunny Visser performs a small part of her demanding rifle routine to the crowd. "The show took a lot of individual work, but it all paid off during our last few performances," said **Visser**.



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Kelly Eysink



Jonathan Whalley Beth

Beth Jones

Sophie Linn

Savannah Veenstra

Cross Country GIRLS BOYS



VARSITY GIRLS. Tera Behning, Mary Hiemstra. ROW 2: Amber Breuklander, Sophie Linn, Karen Williams, Megan Renaud. ROW 3: Ali Angel, Ashley Sponsler, Sunny Visser.



VARSITY BOYS. Casey Flanagan, Adam Chenoweth, Matt Schnell, Dan Hunt, Justin Caldwell, Chris Orr, Dan George. ROW 2: Todd Schuring, Ryan Terlouw, Bryan George, Sergio Navarro, Carson Eggland, Deke Naaktgeboren, Paul Davidson.



HAVIN' FUN. With shirts bearing different slogans and pictures supporting the cross country team, juniors Kyle Simpson, Jeff Dole and Chris Boeyink formed a cross country fan club to cheer and support the team. "Cross country is a true man's sport.

and society has yet to see that. We felt that by showing our overwhelming and sometimes unusual support for the team, people might catch onto regrowing fad," said **Simpson**. **Boeyink**, right, observes the action from the sidelines.

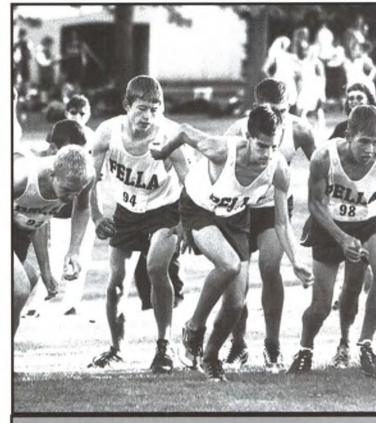




Mary Hiemstra, Ali Angel



Justin Caldwell



Boys make third trip to state

DSeniors Sergio Navarro, Bryan George, and junior Ryan Terlouv paced the team throughout the whole season. Terlouw was the top runner for the team in 10 of 12 meets, but Navarro came through in the final meets of the season, edging Terlouw at the district and state meets. "We were fortunate to have senior leadership on the team because I didn't run as well as I hoped to at the end of the season, Terlouw said.

□Pre-season conditioning led into regular season workouts that paid off for the team. "Every one of us put in a lot of individual miles this summer, and we tackled every practice and every meet as a team. This was the closest, most fun, most successful cross country team we've ever had," said senior Bryan George.

"Junior Dan Hunt also thought the intense practices paid off, "Cross country was a lot more difficult this year than any other as far a practices were concerned, but I think it paid off because we got to state and placed really well," said Hunt.

BREAK TIME. Seniors Ashley Sponsler and Ali Angel talk and listen to music until it's time for their race to begin.







Ashley Sponsler



Todd Schuring, Dan George



Karen Williams

Girls win another LHC title

Fellowship and fun were a part of the season for the cross country ams. When the varsity girls lost a bet to the boys, the girls paid their ebt in a memorable way.

"We made cupcakes with frosting and stuffed them in their faces!"
iid junior Tera Behning.

Wacky Relays were another way the team joined together.

"We did all these crazy relays of running around every tree on the ock and running in your team's largest pair of shoes. Wacky elays brought out the best in all of the cross country members; they ought all of us closer together," said sophomore Karen Williams.

Winning another Little Hawkeye Conference title was a highlight r Sophie Linn, sophomore. "We won the year before, but it was acting to win and then go to state," said Linn.

As a sophomore, **Amber Breuklander** paced the team in the lead sition in 7 of 11 meets. "I think I started the season well, but I wish would have ended it better. Overall, as a team, I thought we did tell," **Breuklander** said.

N YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO! The varsity boys get ready to impete at the Little Hawkeye Conference meet in Grinnell. They placed first; nior Ryan Terlouw was the team leader, followed by senior Sergio Navarro.



SCOREBOARD

<u>Varsity</u>	Girls	Boys
Southeast Polk	1st	2nd
(Amber Breuklander, 6th; F	Ryan Terlouw, 3rd)	
Pella Invitational	1st	1st
(Breuklander, 5th; Terlouw	, Ist)	
Grinnell	2nd	3rd
(Breuklander, 5th; Terlouw	. 1st)	
Davis County Invitational	1st	1st
(Breuklander, 1st; Terlouw,		
South Tama	1st	1st
(Breuklander, 2nd; Terlouw	v, 1st)	
Newton	2nd	4th
(Breuklander, 7th; Terlouw,	, 8th)	
Knoxville Invitational	1st	1st
(Mary Hiemstra, 1st; Terlor	uw, 1st)	
Centerville	1st	2nd
(Breuklander, 3rd; Terlouw	, 4th)	
Grinnell (LHC)	1st	1st
(Hiemstra, 2nd; Terlouw, 1:	st)	
Norwalk (Districts)	lst	2nd
(Hiemstra, 3rd, ; Sergio Nav	varro, 3rd)	
Fort Dodge (State)	12th	7th
(Hiemstra, 41st; Navarro, 2	7th)	

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"The Knoxville meet is always a hard one to run, but we all tried our hardest and ran our best."

> Sophomore Amber Breuklander

"This cross country season was very fun. Our team did a lot of fun activities. It was a very memorable season. We will all miss our seniors."

Junior Tera Behning





"Running in the state meet was a huge rush and was totally awesome. We had been underrated the whole year, and our guys pulled off great races."

Senior Sergio Navarro

Cross Country

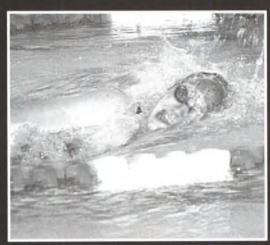
WIMMING GIRLS-BOYS



GIRLS' VARSITY. Amanda Wetter, Emily Bensink, Cricket VandenBerg. ROW 2: Sara Hedrick, Jennifer Floden, Lacy May, Nicole Beyer.



BOYS' VARSITY. Ryan Sims, Jonathan Landon, Chris Landon



SWIMMING PAST RECORD TIMES. Sophomore Emily Bensink comes up for air during during the 400-free relay. Bensink and her teammates broke records and won awards for their efforts during the season. "We had a really good first home meet. The 400-free was broken, and I broke two individual ones. I had a lot of fun," said Bensink.







Chris Landon



Boys swim to state with record times

Senior Jon Landon set the pool record for the 50-free at the De Moines North meet with a time of 22.37 seconds. "It was a real rus when I saw that I broke the record. I was very excited. It made for a grestart to the meet," said Landon.

The Ottumwa Bulldogs swam right into the first place spot at the Burlington Invite. "It's kind of cool to win it for the third year in a row We worked as a team and won it. I had a lot of fun," said sophomor Chris Landon.

The Bulldogs finished third overall at state with significant help from senior Jon Landon. Landon finished fourth in the 50-free with a tin of 21.97 and sixth place in the 100-free with a time of 48.48. Je Harned, J. Landon, Drew Sodey and Jeff Bratten finished second the 200-free relay with a time of 1:25.69, an automatic All-America Time. J. Landon, Bratten, Todd Evens and Shawn Gevock finishe the 400-free relay in third place with a time of 3:13.76, which considered an All-American Time. "We had a good state meet to finis out the season," said freshman Ryan Sims.

SWIMMING INTO THE FIRST PLACE SPOT. Sophomore Chris Landon ,rig swam the 200 individual medley, the 500 free, and other relays depending on the me C. Landon swam the 500-free at the Burlington Invite. "I just do it because I like i said Landon.



Amanda Wetter, Emily Bensink



Nicole Beyer, Molly Tomlovic



A. Wetter, N. Beyer, M. Tomlovic, E. Bensink



Jon Landon

Girls shatter relay records

Sophomore Emily Bensink broke three records in Newton Sept. 6. "It was an awesome meet and an awesome feeling. Our 400-free relay broke the record by two seconds!" said Bensink.

The 400-free relay (Bensink, Wetter, Tomlovic and Beyer) set a team record at the Marshalltown meet. "Breaking the 400-free relay was an awesome experience and knowing that we are all going to be together next year, going for it again, makes it all the more exciting," said junior Nicole Beyer.

DNCMP's diving team, sophomore Lacy May and Sara Flake placed first and second at Fort Dodge. May is the first diver from Pella n swimming history. Beyer broke the six minute mark on the 500-free (5:33) at the same meet.

DNCMP swam the 50-free, 100-free, 200-free relay and the 400-free relay at state. **Beyer** and **Bensink** were disqualified but would have finished eighth in the 400-free.

VRAPPING UP THE SEASON. Sophomore Cricket VandenBerg, left, particiated in the 200 individual medley, the 100 breast stroke, and the 200 medley. "I hink our season this year went really well. We grew as a team, and I had a lot of fun," aid VandenBerg.



SCOREBOARD

Girls Swimming

Ames	103-82	
Marshalltown	110-70	
West DesMoines	124-66	
Mason City	118-58	
Fort Dodge Tourn	63-39	

Districts:

NCMP finished third, Sophomore Emily Bensink and Junior Nicole Beyer moved on to state.

State:

The Cardinals finished with 40 points, finishing seventh.

Overall record: 3-2

Honors

Sophomore Emily Bensink set two new school records in the 50 and 100 freestyle and named NDN Athletics of the Week. Bensink finished with a 24:64 in the 50-free and 54:38 in the 100-free.

Boys Swimming

DesMoines Hoover Tourn.	participated
Marshalltown	103-67
DesMoines Roosevelt	111-59
Indianola	144-37
Southeast Polk	127-42
DesMoines Lincoln	112-58
Burlington Invite	1st place
DesMoines North	128-44

State: The boys competeted in the 50-free, 100-free, 200-free relay, and the 400-free relay. The Bulldogs finished third overall.

Overall record: 6-1

Honors

Senior **Jon Landon** set an All-American Time of 3:13,76 in the 200-free relay at state.



"My most memorable moment was my first meet in Urbandale. I was really nervous and messing up all my dives. Amanda Wetter prayed with me, and I ended up doing all right."

Sophomore Lacy May





"The rides up to Newton every day with the Pella girls will always stick with me. We never had a dull moment."

Senior Jennifer Floden

October

Students celebrate Halloween at the barn

What could be a better way to celebrate Halloween than at a barn in Otley?

Senior



Scott DePrenger and a committee of seniors gathered together to have an evening filled with dancing, costume contests and mouthwatering junk food.

The group advertised the party the whole week before by putting flyers up all over the school. That came to an abrupt

halt when Assistant Principal Eric Nelson told them that all posters must be removed. **DePrenger** persisted to advertise his party by placing the flyers on car windshields in the parking lots.

Students started pouring into the barn around eight p.m. Some dressed in costumes; those who weren't had to pay a dollar more. The students danced and listened to the music provided by senior **Tate Stursma**.

"I played dance music for about two hours, but then everyone left," said Stursma.

The only participants in the costume contest were seniors. Senior **Zac Van Wyk** won the large pizza. He dressed as a disco dancer sporting an outdated leisure suit.

"I was a pimp. I had a leisure suit with a big black afro. My shirt was unbuttoned so you could see my chest,"

said Van Wyk.

The majority of the people left early in the evening. The remaining students gathered around a campfire until the wee hours of the morning.



✓FOND FAREWELL. Tammy Van Wyk, mother of Nate (1999 graduate), senior Zac, and fifth grader Jenna, and wife to school board member Marv Van Wyk died Oct. 19 after battling cancer. Seniors organized the release of 200 balloons in her honor at the Pella-South Tama football game. Senior Lance Roorda spoke before the game as well as At services Oct. 22, the football coaches and the members of the boys' soccer team served as the honorary pallbearers for Tammy.

Knowledge Bowl offers challenge

Knowledge Bowl sponsor Linda Nollen answered the following questions about the event.

. What do you do in the Knowledge Bowl?

"We compete in competitions about many different topics."

*What kinds of subjects do you study for a competition?

"We study all different kinds of subjects, math, science, geography, even music. The AEA (American Education Association) sends disks to us which have questions about different things."

*What is state going to be about?

"On Nov. 29 we go to Des Moines to St. Mary of Nazareth parish center. We take one team up, and they go through a written round and then oral rounds a couple times and then have a final round. The total score is combined scores from previous rounds."

✓ PRACTICE MAKES PER-FECT. Junior Tyler Criss and fellow Knowledge Bowl competitors participate in a strenuous practice for upcoming competitions. Criss and his teammates (seniors Scott Mathes. Josh Printz, Deke Naaktgeboren and Ryan Redman) were defeated by seniors Sergio Navarro, Carson Eggland and Chris Westra and juniors Ryan Terlouw and Adam Chenoweth for the school championship.



Halloween Happenings

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"My friends and I wanted to t.p. a teacher's house, but we never did. Instead, we had fun terrorizing the little kids around the neighborhood."

Freshman Cody Verros

"I sat home and read a nice book with my mother and sipped on warm apple cider." Sophomore

Andy Oldridge

"First, I went with a group of friends and tried to get candy, then I went home and handed out candy to little children."

Junoir Abby Van Dusseldorp

"I cleaned my house and handed out candy to trick-or-treaters."

Secretary

Teri Buitenwerf

"I stayed at home and handed treats out to the little monsters and ghosts of the night. It was pretty sad when high schoolers thought that trick or treating was for them"

Senior Jonathan Whalley

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The last Chance



✓BACK TO BACK. Seniors Bryan George and Grant VandenBerg fight for the championship at Ankeny as they play "In the Land of Make Believe." a song that became well-known to students who heard the band practicing while they sat in their first

The Marching Dutch prepared for their last band competitions of the season Oct. 13. The day began in Pella at the State Marching Band Contest where the band received a Division I rating for the 27th consecutive year.

Later that day, they traveled to Ankeny for the Mid-Iowa Championships where they received second place. They were defeated by Orange City by less than a point.

"I was really disapointed becausewe wanted to win, but it was a good ending for the season." said sophomore Brady VanVark.

Band Director Guv Blair said the band's show was a difficult one.

"... response from the students was very good; they were very committed," said Blair.

Top 5 Events 010.2001



The first quarter ended Oct. 26, leaving only three more quarters in the school year.

"It feels good knowing that the first quarter is done with but yet three more to come. It seems to be a lot considering I have three years after it."

- Freshman Derek Forsythe



Varsity football ended the season with a 6-3 record by defeating Clarke of Osceola in a game suspended by rain at halftime.

"I was frustrated that we didn't make the play-offs. We were just a few plays from getting there. It was a fun year, though, and I'm really excited for next football year.'

- Junior Billy Fox



Two school dances were sponsored by the cheerleaders after the feetball games.

"I thought that it was good to have two dances in one week because they are a lot of fun, and it gives you something to do."

- Freshman Kelli VanWyk



The United States began the attack en Afghanistan en Sun., Oct. 7.

"At first I really didn't know what to think. It was a no win situation. I was kind of furstrated that the U.S. had to resort to killing innocent people, but then it's also hard to serve justice without resorting to violence"

- Sophomore Darvin Graham



Although the volleyball team fell short of making a return trip to the state tournament, they ended the season at 25-8-2.

"We had a lot of goals and hopes for the volleyball season, and even though we didn't make it to state, I think our team was successful. We made a lot of strides for next year's season."

- Junior Tracy Marlow





Getting too old for Halloween fun? Not for

Senior Katie Van Dusseldorp and 17 of her friends, right, celebrated her birthday by going to the Haunted Corn Maze in Knoxville.

The group began the evening with onion rings and pizza at Checkerboard, Pleasantville.

"They wouldn't do the 'gun' thing for my brithday, but I still got the free cake," said Van Dusseldorp.

"The best part was following the yellow ribbon and being chased by the Wicked Witch of the West. We all were screaming. I don't think I have ever run that fast before," said Van Dusseldorp.

Another group of brave seniors fought the



cold and headed to the Ames Haunted Forest. The seniors squished 11 people into senior Scott DePrenger's "fun van," which holds only seven people.

October

Six qualify for All-State

Six members of the orchestra, band and chorus were named all-state musicians after auditions held Oct. 20 in Indianola: senior violinists Chris Westra and Grant VandenBerg, juniors Samantha Mc Curry, vocal, Chris Boeyink, trombone, and Sarah Gilpin, clarinet, and freshman Lindsy Blair, French horn. Seniors Hilary Pearson (piano) and Jonathan Whalley (tenor saxophone) were alternates.

Students interested in participating in all-state tryouts began practicing the scales and musical pieces as early as the first week of school.

Many of the qualifiers were pleased with the whole experience. Boeyink said, "I was really glad there weren't any distractions during the whole process because the work was extremely strenuous. The performance was amazing, and I felt extremely honored to be a part of it all."

While Boeyink was happy with his performance, Westra wasn't as pleased.

"I practiced for an hour every night for about two months. I wasn't thrilled with how I did, but I still had to prepare, and I had fun participating at state," said Westra.

Just having the privilege to be in the atmosphere of great musicians was enough for Whalley.

"All-state was a very good lesson on discipline. I had to practice quite a bit," said Whalley.



Those named to All-State were junior Sarah Gilpin, freshman Lindsy Blair, junior Samatha M Curry and, back, senior Chris Westra, junior Chris Boeyink, and senior Grant Vanden Berg

This was the first all-state competition for Blair.

"All-State was a great experience even through all the rehearsals. It was so muc fun, and it was an honor to go. I will always remember this whole experience," sai Blair, Blair, the daughter of band instructor Guy Blair, joins sister Brenna Blai (a 1998 graduate) as an All-Stater.

McCurry also said the experience was a memorable one.

"All-State was definitely the most incredible experience I have had in high school To meet and sing with such talented people is something I will never forget, McCurry said.

Those selected will play with the All-State musicians at Iowa State University th weekend of Nov. 17.

"It's a really good experience for students and going through the whole proces really makes them grow," said Guy Blair.

What did you think of the ACT/ PLAN test?

HE SAID

"I felt really tired after the ACT."

> Junior Bryan Venteicher

"I took the PLAN test. I did o.k., but I didn't finish most of the test."

Sophomore **Brady Van Vark**

 The PLAN test is taken every year by sophomores as a preliminary indicator of how the student might do on the ACT.

SHE SAID

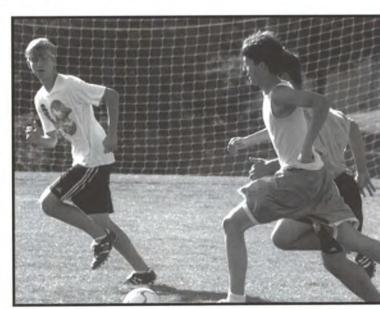
"I did practice for the four sections of the test ahead of

> Senior Sarah VanDerHart

"I felt that I did o.k., and I was glad that it was finally over."

> Sophomore Alison Van Hal

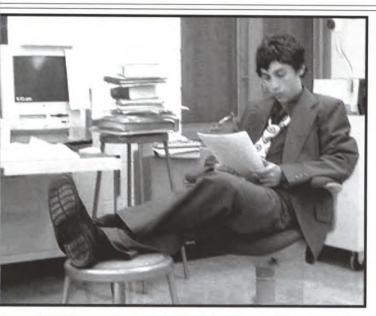
•The ACT is available to all juniors and seniors, showing colleges the strength and weaknesses in the student.



*For sophomore Tyler Boeyink and junior Nick Miller, playing intramural soccer was an exciting way to enjoy the sport with their friends.

Miller said, "It was a blast! Intramural soccer was a good way to get out and play with my friends on not such a competitive level and at the same time, have a good time playing." Miller's team finished with a 4 record.

The championship team was senio Ryan Redman, Michal Nowa Brandyn Van Zante, Josh Print Karrie Peterson, Brian Steenhoe Dan Goodyk, Allison Roush, juni Pierce Hibma, and freshman J Langenfeld.



PJunior Dan DeHaan prepares himself for the debate that awaits his partner and him. Lech Harris (junior) and I came within three points of beating Knoxville, the indefeated team, and we had a great victory against the Winterset team," said DeHaan.

Debate kicks off new season at home

The 2001 debate team began heir season Oct. 9 at home against ix opponents.

Ethanol gas was the topic for his year's debates.

"I thought ethanol related a lot nore to this area than others beause it deals directly with Iowa and its economy. It was a tough subject, but one worthy of a great debate," said senior **Stephanie Thomas**, debate co-captain.

Debate Coach **Chris Sand** said, "I think our season started out very well. I was very happy with our progress after last year's team."

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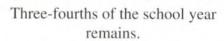


One-fourth of the year was over Oct. 26.

"I was so happy that first quarter was over because it's that much less time to be in school, and soon I'll graduate."

Senior Staci Kruseman

↓ DOWNs



"I wish there was only half a quarter left instead of three quarters because I'm ready to get out of here because Pella stinks. Boo, Pella."

Senior Matt Lovan

Bombing begins in Afghanistan

It was a Sunday morning when most heard the news. Some were attending church when the announcement was made. The United States had begun its bombing of Afghanistan.

"I was at home on MSN talking to my friends when my brother told me to check the CNN website," said senior **Melissa Pierson**.

Pierson was at home talking to her friends while sophomore **Tara Sorensen** was at Third Reformed Church when their pastor announced it. The majority of the congregation started crying.

"I thought it was kind of neat that they cared so much to react the way they did," said **Sorensen.**

Was bombing Afghanistan the right thing to do?

Freshman Curtis Brobst said, "I think what we did was the right move on the United States' part because they need to know that we won't stand for their terrorist acts."

Classmate Brittany Hopkins disagreed.

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"Since we started bombing, we are asking for a lot of trouble back," said **Hopkins**, "and I don't feel the U.S. is ready to start a war."

Through it all, students feel the United States will be strong. Junior Adam Whitehead said, "I feel that the U.S. shows that we are going to stick up for one another through thick and thin, and we can get through anything if we all stay together."

Since the Sept. 11 incident, President **George W. Bush**'s approval rating has skyrocketed to near 90%. Junior **Micah Kraayenbrink** is one who supports **Bush**.

"I think that he's done a good job informing us of what is going on, and his reasons for doing it are good," said **Kraayenbrink**.

Some students feel this is the beginning of a long military battle. Many students are feeling the impact of the bombing since they have family and friends in the military.

"I am scared for those I know who are already in the military. I have a lot of family and friends in the military, and I think that Bush and his associates have been making appropriate decisions. I think that America is going to come together, be strong and stand our ground," said senior Shelley Vander Werff.

Waging the war on terrorism is questionable, according to junior **Ray J. Lovell.**

"I don't think the war is fully over terrorism, but it's a good motive," said **Lovell**. "Before the Taliban was our allies, but when the bombing happened, they withdrew alliance, so we wanted revenge."

Faaaasssssst Fact

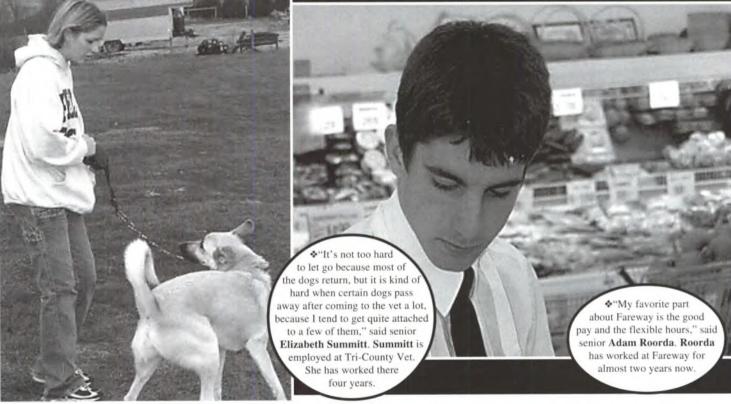
An easy way to remember how to change clocks according to Daylight Saving's Time...

SPRING FORWARD; FALL BACK



October









Joey Rozendaal, Tyler Boeyink







Amy Cline



Megan McConville



Responsiblity

... learning a life lesson

For most high school students, jobs were a necessary evil

Jobs can seem like hard, neverending work. However, not all jobs were all work and no play. Some even involved a little fun.

"I work at Happy Joe's. Some-

times, when certain people were working, we actually worked, along with when we were busy. Later on in the night, everyone goofed off, at least I guess that's what you call it," said sophomore C h r i s t i n a Clinkenbeard.

Job commitments ranged from a few hours of labor to as many as 40 hours a week. However, not all students could work until closing. Those under 16 could only work until 7 p.m. due to child labor laws. Because of that, freshman Cody Verros, a Pizza Ranch employee, said it was not a problem having a job.

"It is not tough having a job and being under 16. You can only work until seven at night on school nights. You don't work as much if you're 16 anyway. It doesn't affect my school work," said **Verros**.

Once students reached 16, they were able to work later shifts. This tended to cause some problems at times.

"Anymore, my job seems to take up all my free time. Lately, I have had so much to do, it just seems overwhelming, and I don't have enough time to get it done," sophomore **Ashley Gritters** said. **Gritters** works at Preci-

sion Pulley.

Students had jobs for many reasons - to pay car insurance, cell phone bills, and for that significant other who always wanted to go out. Some spent it on toys and little items for their car that made it

> "My parents made me get a job because my sister is responsible and

their own.

she had one, so they thought I should have one," said sophomore Collin Knoll. Knoll works at Central College.

As students took the step towards high school, they learned they would need a little extra money to get what they wanted.

"I got a job because my parents wanted me to and I needed the money," said sophomore Alison Van Hal. Val Hal works at Van Den Berg's.



"It's really busy, and it's fun working with lots of people."

Freshman
Brianna Garrard

(Hy-Vee employee for one year)



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Did You Know?

☆Intramurals began during the 1994-95 school year. They were introduced by Bill and Margene Van Horn, physical education instructors.

¢Eight different intramural sports were offered this year.

in intramurals this year.

♦Defeating the Defenders

Senior Josh Printz weaves past defenders Ben Malsom (sophomore), Nick De Ruiter, and Chris Boeyink (juniors) while attempting a goal. Printz said, "I thought Margene (Van Horn) did an especially good job keeping things under control. I think every school should have intramurals because it gives everyone a chance to participate. The senior soccer team, and Pierce Hibma (junior), dominated every game so it made it more fun for all of us." Printz's team had a record of 4-1.

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Intramural Champs

Ryan Redman, Michal Nowak, Brandyn Van Zante, Josh Printz. Karrie Peterson, Brian Steenhoek, Pierce Hibma, Dan Goodyk, Joe Langenfeld, Allison Roush

Sand Volleyball

Brandyn Van Zante, Scott Mathes, Ryan Redman, Kristin Wares, Elizabeth Summitt, Brianne Schutte, Brian Steenhoek

Team Tennis

Lindsy Blair, Jill Van Vark, Billi Ellingson, Katelyn DePenning

Intermediate Table Tennis Matt Goodyk

Advanced Table Tennis Brian Steenhoek

Doubles Table Tennis Bryan George, Dan George

Women's Volleyball

April Stursma, Allison Mansueto, Lacy Bender, Stacey DeJoode, Chelsea Pelland

Men's Volleyball

Luke Ballenger, Scott Ewell, Nick Mulder, Klayton Korver, Tyler Cowman, Billy Fox

Co-ed Volleyball

Kevin Ulmer, Karrie Peterson, Josh Printz, Ashley Sponsler, Matt Vandevoort, Hillary Recker

> Chess Joe Langenfeld

Badminton

Carson Eggland, Ryan Terlouw

Basketball 5-on-5

Randy Ozinga, Brian Steenhoek, Ryan Redman, Brandyn Van Zante. Scott Mathes, David Van Wyk

Basketball 3-on-3

Brandyn Van Zante, Randy Ozinga, Scott Mathes

Team Bowling Jr/Sr Divison - Boys

Joe Knight Tyler Roose Tyler Criss Jon Carter Lance De Vries

Jr/Sr Divison - Girls

Hillary Recker Elizabeth Summitt Kristin Wares Brianne Schutte Karrie Peterson

Fr/So Division

Tyler Freeman Ben Malsom Justin Thomas Nathan Van Kampen

Individual Girls

Kristin Wares Jaimie Fuller

Individual Boys

Ryan Redman Tyler Criss Justin Thomas Corey Lovan

♦3-Peat Champion Bowlers

The senior girls were winners of team bowling in the girls' division for the third year in a row. Elizabeth Summitt, Hillary Recker, Brianne Schutte, Karrie Peterson, and

Kristin Wares were members of the team. "It was awesome winning all three years in a row and will be something I will definitely miss. I will never forget the talks my team had," said Schutte.





Katie Van Vark





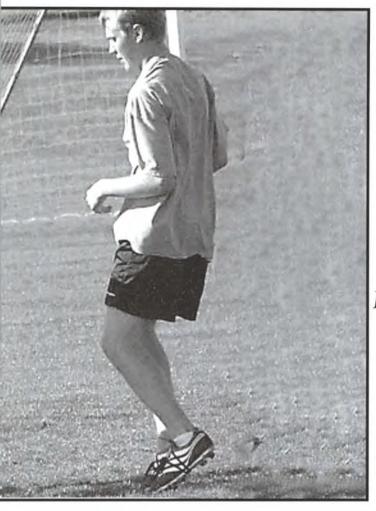


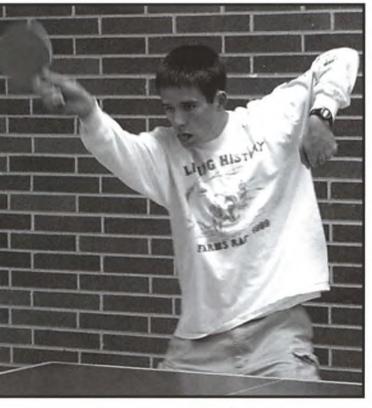




Tyler Boeyink, Karrie Peterson Deke Naaktgeboren, Ryan Terlouw

Scott Mathes







Ryan Redman



Bobbi Van Zante



Brian Steenhoek, Brandyn Van Zante

Ready to rumble

Intramurals bring intense competition among students for the coveted champion t-shirts

It wasn't quite the equivalent of playing for a state title, but winning an intramural championship did bring a reward - a champion's tshirt.

For junior **Pierce Hibma**, a member of the Little Dutch state-champion basketball team, intramurals offered a chance to play another sport - soccer.

"Being champions of the 2001 soccer intramurals was one of the better feelings I have ever felt in my 17 years on this earth. The joy and happiness that accompanied the last victory was indescribable, and it is not something I will soon forget," said **Hibma**.

For students, such as freshman Jill Van Vark, intramurals was just plain fun.

"Intramurals rock! It was challenging, and there was good competition on not such a serious level," said Van Vark.

Intramurals were firs

introduced during the 1994-95 school year by phys-ed instructors **Bill** and **Margene Van Horn** to allow students to stay active and at the same time interact with each other.

Margene Van Horn said, "It is an extension of phys-ed but not at the interscholastic level, and students can compete against their own schoolmates. It is more of a relaxed atmosphere in which they can compete without stress."

Sophomore **Taylor Brummel** said he sees positive aspects of intramurals.

"Intramurals are a good thing because they help people interact with each other along with helping those who aren't as athletic," said **Brummel.**

was The sessions included good competitions in soccer, sand volleyball, tennis, table tennis, badminton, chess, volleyball, first basketball, and bowling.

♦It's a family thing

Senior **Bryan George** and brother, sophomore **Dan George**, were named doubles champions in table tennis. "We were lucky **Brian Steenhoek** didn't show up otherwise we would have been embarrassed. This was my first championship, so I finally got my t-shirt," said **Bryan**.













Joe Langenfeld, Brian Melhus

November

Recker chosen as 2002 Tulip Queen



✓2001 Tulip Queen Randa Van Rheenen congratulates Hillary Recker after Recker was named the 2002 Tulip Queen at the Tulip Queen Announcement Party on Nov. 3.

Twelve girls, an Elvis impersonation, and one Dutch letter all in one night can mean only one thing: the Tulip Queen's Announcement Party held here Nov. 3.

Six Pella High seniors (Sarah Way, Hillary Recker, Ashley Sponsler, Heather Vande Lune, Amy Van Hall and Karrie Peterson), along with six Pella Christian seniors, showed their talents in hopes of winning a spot on the 2002 Tulip Court.

The road to winning a spot on the court was full of nerves, but all participants delivered a smooth performance.

"I was really nervous when I first got on stage, but I took a deep breath, relaxed, and began to enjoy my three minutes in the spotlight. Overall, the night went much better than I could ever have imagined," Recker said.

Later in the evening, the 2001 Tulip Court took the stage to reflect on the past year's events. Afterwards, the time arrived to announce the 2002 Tulip Court.

Members chosen to represent Pella on the 2002 Tulip Court were: Queen Recker, Way, Vande Lune, Van Hall, and Andrea Vander Wilt, Pella Christian.



Amy VanHall



Heather Vande Lune



Sarah Way



✓ The five girls chosen to represent Pella on the Tulip Court are Andrea Vander Wilt (Pella Christian), Amy Van Hall, Queen Hillary Recker, Heather Vande Lune and Sarah Way.

What are your hopes and goals for 2002 as a member of the Tulip Court?

"I hope to grow closer to the other four girls. Also, I'm excited to meet all the people we'll be performing for including the governor. Tulip Time, this year, is going to be a blast, and I'm really excited."

- Court member Amy Van Hall

"I hope we have tons of fun representing Pella and make great memories in the

- Court member Heather Vande Lune

"I hope we can all grow really close as a court and experience a lot of excitement and laughter together. My goal is to represent Pella in a positive way and make many memories while participating on the royal court."

- Court member Sarah Way

"I hope that as a court we will draw close and become good friends as we strive to do our best while representing Pella. I also hope for an unforgettable Tulip Time."

- Queen Hillary Recker



November

Forté's Filer rates "I"

Four members of orté strutted their off when they comted at the Individual ate Competition ld here Nov. 3. Seors Megan Laughand Allison nerick (right), junction Filer, and phomore Annie erlouw (below) all mpeted.



When the dancers

ere done, the announcements started. Albugh only **Filer** received a "I" rating, the air had a memorable experience.

"I was pleased with my performance beuse it was my first time, and I got a Divion I rating," said **Filer**.

Laughlin, who has competed in the Indidual State Competition three years in a w, thought she danced well.



"I am glad we hosted the Individual State Competition and that I competed for my third year in a row. I was pleased with my performance because my performance affected a lot of people," said Laughlin.

TEC offers spiritual release

The third TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend this year was held at First Reformed Church, Nov. 9-11. Candidates from all over Iowa and Missouri participated. For many students, TEC was an amazing experience.

"I enjoyed going to TEC a lot, because it strengthens my relationship with Christ, which is the most important thing. Along with that, you meet many new people and many new friends that you can keep over time. Overall, TEC is a lot of fun and a good experience," said senior **Katie Sopher**.

For many students, TEC was an enjoyable experience that will be missed.

Senior **Kevin Ulmer** said, "TEC is going to be the one thing that I will miss most about high school. God has blessed me so many ways through TEC, and His love will continue through all generations. If anyone has a chance to go, I strongly suggest it."





✓ Seniors Megan Laughlin and Julia Nurse, left, cook breakfast at TEC. For juniors Catie Beck and Aleisha Brummel, right, the weekend was beneficial. Beck said, "TEC was a really good reminder of God's love for me."

✓ It Out

This month seniors received letters they had itten while in eighth grade. Each student, to had been in **LuAnn DeHaan's** English ass, wrote about the current music, what othes they were in to, and also what member the opposite sex they were interested in. ese letters brought back many memories, th negative and positive. For most, these ters were entertaining.

"It was a lot of fun to read what I wrote. It's any to see how much I've changed since en," said senior **Julia Nurse**.

Senior Elizabeth Summitt reads her senior letter for the st time. "Reading my senior letter brought back a lot of morous memories," said Summitt.



Top 5 Events 11.2001



Leonid Meteor Shower occured Nov. 18 ground 3:30 g.m.

"Katie Ross and I camped out in my backyard. When we saw the first meteor, we screamed, but the next 373 meteors I counted weren't as exciting."

Senior Jenn Freeman



Higher than normal temperatures highlighted the month.

"The higher temperatures are nice. In fact, I like it, I love it, I want some more of it."

Freshman Dan Johnson



Thanksgiving Break gave students a break from Nov.22-25.

"My family and I went to Chicago to visit my cousins. It was really busy, because there were 24 people there in one house. Plus, I didn't know three-fourths of the people there."

Sophomore Lindsey Vander Wert



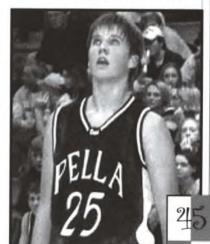
School Play "A Night of One Acts" performs Nov. 2-3.

"After the play, we had pizza, then went to Allison Emerick's house. We then took pictures and drank soda. In the pictures we took, we replaced the people's heads with Samantha's face. It was fun." Sophomore Katie Collins



Winter sports began with a scrimmage at the Knoxville Jamboree.

"We're playing really well. Our defense and ball movement are really good, which will help us win." Junior Klayton Korver (below)



Nove ber

Band performs for state championships

Even though the Dutch football team did not make it to the UNI-Dome for the football play-offs, 162 band members were there in full force.

The Pella Marching Dutch headed for the Dome bright and early Nov. 16. They were enroute to perform two pre-game and two halftime shows for the state football

championship games.

After two hours on the road, the band was finally able to unload and step into the Dome.

"The ride up was pretty quiet because a lot of people were sleeping. It was f a i r l y comfortable despite the fact that I fell off my

seat and got trapped between my seat and the one in front of me. Everyone else found it quite humorous," said senior **Karrie Peterson**.

"Entering into the Dome, my first impression was that it was big. When standing at the top of bleachers and looking down onto the field, it looked very small," said sophomore Lindsey Vander Wert.

Field rehearsal prepared the band for entering and exiting the field. This proved to be a challenge which took 15 minutes to master.

Following field rehearsal the band was finally ready to perform.

Pre-game consisted of the National Anthem and cadence. As halftime approached, the

✓ G E T T I N G READY. Freshman Kyle Boettger practices before the band's performance.





✓ROOKIE. In his first year of band since fifth grade senior Brian Steenhoek plays the bass drum.

band anticipated their performance. The banperformed their competition halftime show consisting of "Spain," "Land of Make Believe, and "One More Time Chuck Corea."

"The UNI-Dome was really awesome! W sounded really loud, and the crowds reall liked us. I felt pretty comfortable there, like was a home game. We even got a standin ovation from the Applington-Parkersbur crowd," said senior **Kevin Ulmer**, drum major

After the performances, the band expresse positive feelings about the performance.

Senior Laura Sopher said, "It was a amazing feeling performing for so many peopl and getting a standing ovation from people that didn't even know us."

"What was the best part of the season?"

READY FOR THE SHOW

Senior Kimmie-Jo Bouwers per-

forms with the colorguard at the

UNI-Dome. This was Bouwers'

first year in colorguard.



HE SAID

"My best football memory from this past season is the captains being undefeated on Relay Wednesday."

Senior

David Van Wyk

SHE SAID



"The night we decorated the boys' cars because it was a lot of fun, and all of us girls got to spend time together."

Senior Sunny Visser (pictured with senior Ashley Sponsler, left)

Publications sponsors craft show



✓ CAUGHT IN THE ACT. As they make the rounds asking crafters if they need assistance, sophomore David Trotter and junior Lech Harris stop at a booth to admire some baked goods.

The Nov. 10 Pell Fall Craft Show raised over \$3,000 for publications.

Parents as well a students set up an worked the show.

"I was more the glad to help out wit the craft show. It gav me an opportunity t look at the crafts an spend time with som of my daughter' friends," said Teres Wares, mother of senior Kristin Wares

Crafters had postive remarks about the show.

"We were very impressed with all the assistance and the efficiency of the studen staff," wrote one.





PARTY TIME. Juniors Samantha McCurry and Chris Wills, sophomore Richard Spierenburg and Toney Chem, junior Dan De Haan, sophomore Sam Reicks, and unior Michelle Steenhoek gather to celebrate the completion of the all-school play at enior Allison Emerick's house.

Cast plays the night away

After a crazy night of plays, clean-up, and a pizza party hosted by Director **Steven Woolery**, the play cast gathered at senior **Allison Emerick**'s house to wrap up their time together working on the plays.

Sophomore **Katie Collins** felt it was a good way to celebrate the end f the plays.

"It was a lot of fun, especially taking pictures of people and telling okes," said Collins.

Emerick said she enjoyed hosting the play party.

"I really liked having the cast at my house," said **Emerick.** "I liked aving everyone together to relax."

Along with eating and talking, cast members played computer games and listened to music.



Thanksgiving Break

"I went to Connecticut to visit my relatives, and one day during the week, my family and I went to New York City. We visited Ground Zero and saw the workers tearing down one of the buildings. It was amazing to see so many people just watching it all happening."

Freshman Kate Hamlin



No Snow

"Having no snow is very boring, and I can't improve my technique as a snowboarder." Sophomore Dustin De Haan

"If it's going to be cold, there might as well be snow."

Sophomore Nicole Verhey



Nurse signs with Drake

Senior Julia Nurse, left, signed a letter of intent Nov. 14 to play softball for the Bulldogs at Drake University in Des Moines.

Nurse, was highly-recruited by at least six schools, including Central College, Wartburg

College, Buena Vista University, Northwestern College, Indian Hills, and Dordt College. Nurse was an all-state softball pitcher for the past three years, all-conference the past four. This past season she had a ERA of 0.3, and collected 27 wins. This season, Nurse will be trying for her 100th win. She currently has 78.

"We should have a really good team this season. We only lost two seniors from last year. My main goal for this year is to make it to the state tournament, but if for some reason that doesn't happen, I at least hope to get 100 wins," said Nurse.

Nurse said there were many reasons for choosing Drake.

"They have a good journalism program, and they have a good softball program. I've also known their coach ever since the fifth grade. She was my pitching coach when I first started throwing, so I know that I'll like playing for her. They are also giving me a good amount of money to go there," said **Nurse**.

Nurse said she is looking forward to living in Des Moines and playing softball at a higher level. She will major in journal-

Santiago family celebrates traditional Thanksgiving

For the **Santiago** family, apple pie not turkey is the key to Thanksgiving.

"Every Thanksgiving my dad, two brothers, and I make apple pies from scratch," said **Joey**.

Later on in the day, family friends come over. They enjoy playing on the slot machine the **Santiagos** have in the basement.

A game of football usually gets started outside and then it's back inside to eat the apple pie while they watch a game of football.

"My dad gets very enthusiastic and my mom, with no knowledge of the game, cheers for whoever scores. This makes the whole day exciting and fun," said **Joey**.

Faaaassssssst Fact

November 2001 was the warmest of any November in history.



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Did You Know?

☆This is the first year that the cast has done one acts instead of a traditional play.

☆Four seniors performed in the play this year who have never been involved before, including Suzanne Corum, Katie Van Dusseldorp, Jenn Freeman, and Hilary Pearson.

☆Three assistant directors joined the cast: senior Kimme-Jo Bouwer and juniors LaCosta Goos and Michelle Westra.

♦No Romance Here

Although Felix (sophomore Joey Groeneboom) has hopes for a romance with Penny Sue (junior Kendra Bouwers), she has other ideas. One of her primary complaints is that he sings like a donkey.



♦Thinking back

Mama (senior **Jennifer Moore**) and Papa (junior **Michael Trotter**) reminisce on the days of their youth and in the raising of their daughter (played by junior **Catie Beck**) in the play "White Room of My Remembering."



Self-Portraits

Richard (sophomore Richard Spierenburg) and Andrea (senior Ashley Belloma) draw pictures of themselves as part of the therapy directed by Mike Morrissey (junior Michael Trotter) in "Andrea's Got Two Boyfriends."



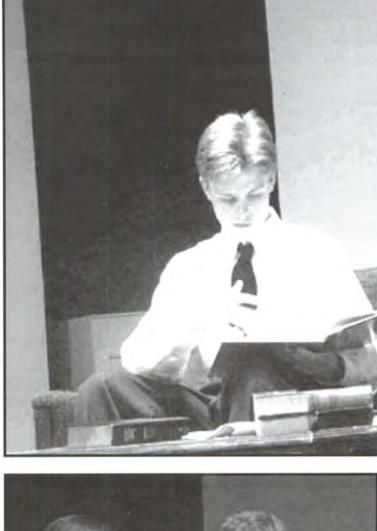
❖Hey, Nonny, Nonny

Ophelia (junior **Kate Sloan**) practices her part as the beautiful Ophelia in "Hamlet." This play, only 15 minutes in length, was one of the hardest to put on due to conflicts among cast members.



*Passing the Time

Robert (sophomore David Trotter) and Delores (senior Stephanie Thomas) play a game to help their niece Penny Sue (junior Kendra Bouwers) endure her date with Felix (sophomore Joey Groeneboom).





❖What Do You Think?

Mrs. Crosby and Harlan Grandby (juniors Amy Cline and Lech Harris)

discuss honesty in "The Simple Truth."





Toney Chem



Gaoder Vue, Samantha Mc Curry,



Sam Reicks, Michael Trotter



Kimme-Jo Bouwers



Sam Reicks, Kendra Bouwers Hilary Pearson







Katie Van Dusseldorp



Hilary Pearson



Jenn Freeman

playing

Figuring out how to make five one-act plays take the place of a traditional play takes work

he fall plays were a challenge as they represented a change from years past. Director **Steven Woolery** decided to have his casts present five one-act plays instead of a traditional multiact play. They were "Blind Date," "The Simple Truth," "Andrea's Got Two Boyfriends," "The Fifteen Minute Hamlet," and "White Room of My Remembering."

Woolery said he decided on the one acts for two reasons.

"... to have a variety of acting roles and involve more people with less time commitment." It proved successful as 27 cast members plus crew, assistant directors, and extras were involved.

Junior Michael Trotter said, "I thought that being in the play was great! I had the opportunity to show my true talents, and in some ways, to show off. I love doing plays!"

Trotter, along with classmates Lech Harris and Dan De Haan, filled in by taking parts in two plays due to the shortage of males who auditioned for roles.

Among those involved, four seniors participated this year for the first time in their high school years. Senior **Suzanne Corum** was one of them.

"Honestly, this was one of the best experiences in my life, and I wish I would have started acting earlier in high school. I definitely encourage others to go out because the people were great, and Mr. Woolery is great at what he teaches. The one and only pet peeve was the 'critic' among us! Otherwise, I am so glad my friends and I decided to try out!" said **Corum.**

Others agreed with Corum, including sophomore Toney Chem.

"This play was a great experience for me," said **Chem**. "I always love challenges, and being this character (a preacher in "The Simple Truth") was a great challenge."

&Choose Me!

Richard (sophomore Richard Spierenburg) tries to entice Andrea (senior Ashley Belloma) in "Andrea's

Got Two Boyfriends." Cast as patients in a mental institute, **Belloma** had to choose one boyfriend.



Director Steven Woolers



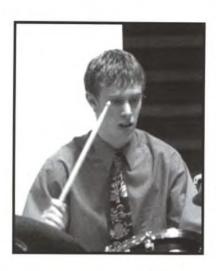


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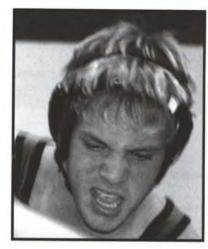
hilarious • got to be • daring • got to be • talented • got ← Helping lead a cheer during the Jan. 4 Pella Christian basketball game is varsity boys' basketball cheerleader Nicole Beyer, a junior. The games had an estimated 2,000 fans in attendance, and both the girls' and boys' teams won to pull off a sweep against the Eagles. "Cheerleading has been very fun for me; it was fun to cheer at the PC aging• got to be • optimisti game because there was a lot of crowd participation," said Beyer.



← Jazz I began their season with flying colors, taking home first place at the district contest at Waukee. Ryan Redman, senior, plays the drums during the performance. Redman and several others received a best soloist award. "I was very proud of the way we played at Waukee. We'd been rehearsing really well, and it showed with our first place finish. This band has a better chemistry, I think, and that will help us a lot down the road," said Redman. The band qualified for the state jazz championships in April with their finish in Waukee.

→ Putting a hold on his Norwalk opponent is freshman Wade Hamre. "The meet went well, and I wrestled my best, but I was disqualified after two technical violations," said Hamre, who lost the match in the 135-weight class. Hamre wrestles on the junior varsity team for the Dutch. The varsity team fell to Norwalk, 48-24.

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Braving THE WINTER CHILL

The winter months proved to be a time both of continued traditions and brand-new events. The varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams recorded winning seasons, won the LHS conference, and both qualified for their respective state tournaments for the second year in a row. Forté continued their winning tradition as well, earning the Triple Crown at

the State Drill Team Competition.

The record-breaking weather was a new twist to the winter season. High temperatures and no snow were common. A cold snap finally came, and with it came a snow day on January 31.

The winter formal and other school dances were outlets of entertainment that warmed up the cold and made the winter days

Many livened the winter days by keeping busy with everything from playing an instrument to running sprints.

exciting. Winter Formal was held after the Grinnell basketball game on Feb. 1.

A bowling club was established, and chorus, band and speech competitions and concerts kept students busy.

From reciting a speech to dancing through the night, students found ways to warm the winter chill.

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←Ashley Braun, junior, dances to Forté's Pom Routine at the Drill Team State Championships. The team placed first in the event, and also received top honors in their Military and Prop routines, making them the Triple Crown Champions. Only five other schools have earned this title. The Men of Forté captured second place in their first year of competition. Braun, a Forté co-captain said, "State was a great experience; we worked very hard and never expected it to pay off this much."

→Sophomore Lyndsay Van Maaren stares down her opponent during the junior varsity season opener against South Tama, "The season went well. We weren't undefeated like we were freshmen year, but we faced a lot harder competition," said Van Maaren. The JV team had to overcome injuries and a small team. Only 10 sophomores went out for the team, and many of them were injured at one point in the season. The JV battled through their obstacles, finishing with an overall record of 12-7.

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Jenny Torres



Sherri Laughlin



Emma VanderWell, Kristin Sytsma



Pella & Its Pride



Padifions ... enduring forever

From cruising the square to open campus, some traditions continue despite opposition

Established traditions here give students something to look forward to each year. Whether it's students making flour babies in family living class or journalism students traveling to the Drake vs. Creighton game, some annual events have evolved into yearly traditions.

During Joyce Nelson's family living class, students created their own flour babies. Making the babies required students to develop the baby's face and hair as well as filling and sewing the arms and legs. After the students made the babies, they were required to carry them around for one week. They could only be away from the baby for a total of 40 hours.

"Carrying the flour baby took a lot of work. It ties you down. It was a good experience, though," said senior Robin Jarnagin.

Another tradition is cruising the square on Sunday nights. For years this town tradition has brought people from all over the area who come to hang out on the square in cars and on foot. Many spent the time making friends from other schools and towns. Others said it was a way to pass the Sunday evenings.

"Cruising is a way to meet a lot of different people; it's a good way to have a have girls' night out," said junior Gina Boles.

The Pelladium staff started its tradition by venturing to Drake University each of the past three

years to catch the Creighton vs. Drake game. The staff treks to the game to see former Pelladium staff member and Pella graduate Kyle Korver play for Creighton, This year they witnessed a 95-91 overtime win for Korver and his teammates. Other students attended the game as well.

"Every year we look forward to making shirts and going to the game to support Kyle. It is awesome to see someone from Pella play Division I basketball," said senior Pete Randol.

Senior release, a highly coveted privilege for seniors, has been available since the mid- 1970s. Any senior who qualifies can leave the school campus during free periods and lunch. Students fail to earn senior release if they have a poor attendance record or fail classes.

Valentine's Day has brought a tradition all its own. Every year, extra tables are set up in anticipation of the abundance of flowers and gifts sent to students. This year four tables were covered in balloons and gifts for the holiday.

"Valentine's Day went really well this year. Sometimes it gets blown out of proportion for kids who get left out. We didn't have any major things go wrong this year," said secretary Teri Buitenwerf.

From flowers to flour babies, traditions have shaped the school.



Steven Bandstra, Tucker Criss







Tyler Beerends, Lance Roorda



December

Forté dances to victory



♦ Junior Annie Carlson smiles for the judges during the prop routine.

Forté teams headed to Vets Auditorium. Des Moines, to compete for state Nov. 30 -Dec. Twenty-one and girls seventeen were there to dance and show everyone what they're about. The girls' drill

team performed prop and pom Friday .

For some of the girls, this was their first time performing in this type of event.

"At first I was really nervous, because there were so many people in the audience. Once the music started, though, the audience was very responsive. It was a very exhilarating experience that I'm glad I was able to be a part of," said senior **Hillary Recker**.

Saturday brought new competition and new supporters. Students who weren't able to attend Friday had the chance Saturday.

Bright and early Saturday morning, the girls were ready to perform their military routine. After their performance, the girls were done with the competition.

It wasn't until later that night the guys got to strut their stuff. They performed at 8:45 p.m., finishing the performances for Forté.

An awards ceremony was held at the end of each day's competition. Friday night, the girls won first places in both their categories and on Saturday, they once again captured first place. By placing first in all three

> divisions, they earned the honor of the triple crown, being only the ninth drill team in the state to receive this honor.

The men placed second in their first year of competition.



*DANCIN' TO THE MUSIC. Seniors Ryan Redman, Dustin Pierce and Jaysen Lopez practice for their Forté performance at state. Forté coach Nickolet Sand said, "I think the men did a great job. It was very tough with all those girls screaming, but they were awesome." This is the first year a men's group has performed.

What does Christmas mean to you?

33	"Reine with family	eating together.	and just sitting	g around talking."	- Freshman Calvin Vos

"To me personally, Christmas is truly a celebration of the birth of Jesus. I might not live true to that all the time, but it's still my central idea." - Sophomore **Darvin Graham**

"Above all else, Christmas should be a time to remember and rejoice in the birth of our Savior. We should cherish the time that we have to spend with our family and friends. Of course, I can't forget that we have no school, no teachers, and lots of food!" - Junior Lindsay McFarland

"Celebrating Christ's birth, having a break off from school, and spending time with the family, which sometimes is too much during the holidays." - Sophomore Michelle Dykstra

"Christmas is so much fun. Not only is it a fun time with my friends and my parents, but I can sleep all I want since we have no school." - Junior Kayla Kafka

"Christmas means not only getting lots of great presents and giving even better presents, but also the birth of Jesus." - Senior Ashley Pavlat

"Time with family and friends, but most of all being with people who are important to me." - French teacher Chris Sand



December

.. enough to make her sick

It was a night to remember for freshman clarinet soloist **Elisabeth Kleven** as the high chool band and orchestra performed their Dec. 11 winter concert.

During the concert band performance, Gleven threw up all over the stage. While ome students were apprehensive, others lidn't even know what had happened. The how went on, but not for much longer. Director Dick Redman stopped the band, and he curtain began to close, which was the only lue that something had happened.

"At first we thought Mr. Redman was isgusted with our performance because the urtain started closing. Then, we realized that Clisabeth had run off the stage due to her ickness," said sophomore Collin Knoll.

Kleven said, "I couldn't believe I'd done it! just existed there for a minute as it sank in. Then I fled. The band members in the back idn't know what was happening. I heard here was a rumor going around that Mr. Redman made me go on stage; he didn't. He aid I could sit out, but I insisted. I wanted to lay the songs."





✓ Senior Megan Laughlin, left, and junior Sarah Gilpin, top, perform during the winter concert.

Gas prices hit a new low

Gas prices have always been something you can't count on being the same.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, several gas stations took advantage of the situation and raised prices to almost \$3.

Sophomore Kelly Hudson said, "On Sept. 11, my sister went to fill up her car, and while she was pumping gas, they increased the gas price to three dollars. She ended up

having to pay the very expensive bill because the gas was already in her car."

gas prices.

Toward the end of the year gas prices started to decline. This was a good thing for most, but especially for students.

"I like it because it saves me money. During that time (Sept. 11) I had to watch my spending and plan ahead so it was good that the prices dropped," said junior **Jonathan Van Ryswyk**.



♦HOW LOW CAN THEY GO? Some gas stations lowered prices to almost a dollar; they stayed steady for the remainder of the month.

Sophomore Lindsey

Vander Wert fills up and takes advantage of the low

✓ It Out

As readers frantically searched of find the Dec. 12 Pelladium in the mix of the *Town Crier*, the thange was more than noticeable. After years of the tabloid-sized aper, the newspaper staff ecided to upgrade.

"... we wanted bigger better ictures, more accurate in-depth ories, and overall a better grade f paper," said newspaper student eah Robinson, sophomore.

"I like the expanded size," said istory teacher **Guy Reeves**. "It as many more articles and gives fore information about what's



Sophomore Emma Vander Well and junior Kristin Sytsma show off the new size of the Pelladium.

going on in the high school. It's a nice change."

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Curriculum changes, including the addition and dropping of various computer and government class, will be implemented in 2003.

"Seniors need computer classes like the ones they are dropping. They help us get the five classes that we need each semester to graduate."

- Senior Kimme-Jo Bouwers



Students began their holiday break on the weekend of Dec. 21. They returned January 2.

"I enjoyed having a long Christmas break. I also enjoyed not being at school for awhile. It gave me a break from school." - Junior Amber Seekamp



Unusually mild weather kept school in session with no snow days.

"I think it's awesome that we have warm temperatures this winter. We can do a lot more things outside and we also don't have to make up school in June."

- Freshman Megan Renaud



Jazz I qualified for the Apri Jazz Championships by placing first in Class 3A at the Dec. 15 Jazz Festival in Waukee .

"It's going to be a neat experience once we go there. This has so far been really fun and I hope we do well at championships."

- Sophomore Jon Vermeer

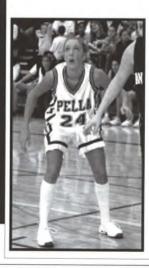


The girls' varsity basketball team ended 2001 with a 21-3 mark. This included a win over undefeated Pella Christian.

"As a team, we didn't care about the ratings. Going into most of the games, we knew that we were the underdogs, but we practiced hard and proved a lot of people wrong."

- Junior Heather Kraayenbrink,

pictured below as she waits for the rebound.





Dagember

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Fans boost school spirit

It has been said that fans can make or break a game. It's a big responsibility, but many students were more than willing to take it on.

"I felt that we as spectators have an important role in the game. I know, since I was once a player, a good crowd makes it much more difficult to play on the opponent's home court. Even though we were allowed no negative cheers, I still think we played an important role in the games," said senior **Brian Steenhoek**.

Fans had to have tons of energy, enthusiasm, and school spirit.



GO, FIGHT, WIN! "Our whole senior class got together to cheer on our three senior athletes and to support the real superstars!" said senior Allison Roush, Roush, far right, is pictured with classmates Elizabeth Summitt and Kristin Wares.

COME ON PELLA LETS GO! Seniors John Bogaard, Randy Ozinga, Da

COME ON PELLA LETS GO! Seniors John Bogaard, Randy Ozinga, Da Goodyk, Matt Vandevoort, Brian Steenhoek, and Chris Westra goof off as the cheer for another Dutch win.

Screaming, yelling, cheering, hand motions, and an occasional crowd booster were all part of the fan's job description. Fans would do almost anything to get the athletes pumped up. As a group of fans encouraged each other, they themselves were pretty pumped, occasionally even getting a bit out of hand.

"I enjoyed cheering for basketball games. It made it even more fun being a senior. I just hope in the future that teams will know we respect them, no matter what we cheer against them. Crowds play important roles games and want to help our tea win in every way possible," sa senior Matt Vandevoort.

What makes all this cheering fun? The final reward of winnin a game against the biggest rival losing, but knowing the team d the best they could.

"Cheering at the games this ye have been too much fun. It's ni that both the boys and girls tear are doing so well, it makes it mo exciting," said senior **Krist Wares**

HE SAID

If you had unlimited funds what would you get your boyfriend/girlfriend for Christmas?

"I would buy her a nice cute turtle."

Freshman Ryan Bettger

"I would buy her some mittens, because it's cold."

> Sophomore Brian Melhus

"I would buy her a necklace and a big ring."

> Junior Adam Vande Voort

"I would buy Lauren (Birkel, sophomore) a new heart, because I already stole hers."

Senior Scott Mathes

SHE SAID

"I would buy him a really sweet Mustang car."

Freshman Kelli Van Wyk

"I'd buy him a plane ticket to a tropical island, but he'd have to take me so I could get a tan."

> Sophomore Chris Buitenwerf

"I would make him dinner and write him a special note of encouragement which doesn't cost anything but time."

> Freshman Sarah Stuckey

"If I had unlimited funds to spend on a guy of interest for Christmas, I would plan a romantic dinner and buy him some very nice cologne. There is nothing better than a guy in a tux who smells good!"

> Senior Kassi Van Wyk



Robin Carlson and Darleen

Hansen, and the Gharsts.



"I thought it was a great exprience being able to be at a Grandma and Grand Lautenbach's house helpi out. I talked with many peop and heard many complimes on my grandparent's house was a great feeling know that people really liked with they saw and how they got ide for things to do in their house said junior Aman Chapman, pictured with Grandma JoAnn.

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SHOP TIL YOU DROP! Freshmen cousins Stacy De Joode and Alyson Fugitt prowse at the Crystal Bath Shoppe downtown.

December brings shopping frenzy

During the month of December, guys and girls alike have one thing on their mind: finding the perfect gifts to put under the tree. Groups of friends plan shopping trips for a weekend activity. With many Christmas sales taking place during December, they rush around looking for bargains and enjoy goofing off within the crowded malls.

"I really like shopping because you can go out and have fun with your friends. Christmas shopping is even better because you are doing something nice for other people and showing how much you care for them," said freshman **Alyson Fugitt**.

Even though some people don't like to shop all year round for Christmas, they think it's fun. They enjoy buying presents that they know others will enjoy.

"I don't like to shop much, but for Christmas, it's fun. Shopping for the gifts that your family or friends will like is fun, yet hard, because I think it's hard to pick out some people's gifts. Picking up something for yourself along the way, is fun," said sophomore Lara Van Wyk.

How do you feel about boys' swim practice?



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"It is kinda fun. It is a lot of hard work, but I think it will pay off."

Sophomore Chris Landon



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"We have to go to Ottumwa which gets very tiring, because we get home late."

Sophomore Chris Doty

TIMEOUT

Argentina comes to Pella

Coming all the way from Argentina to teach Spanish, is Elizabeth DiNardo.

"All of this came about very sud-



den, and my husband supported me. I thought this opportunity would help me to develop as a person, and I was very excited to come," said **DiNardo** of her selection as a Fulbright Scholar.

Since **DiNardo** has a Dutch link, she was also thrilled to explore the Dutch culture.

"I was astonished when I discovered this was a Dutch community. My grandfather is Dutch, so I wanted to explore the culture and learn more about my ancestors," she said.

DiNardo was well-prepared to come and teach. She has taught every grade in Argentina from kindergarten through university. She started to learn English in a private institute at the age of 12. She continued her education of English for five years at an university. She also took 11 years of music to become a piano teacher.

Teaching in Pella was different than she expected.

"Extra credit was a new concept for me and also the fact that kids here like everything to have fun and games," said **DiNardo**. She was also surprised kids in Pella work. In Argentina students don't work because their families support them.

On Dec. 20, the President of Argentina resigned. This event devastated the **DiNardos** as they were far from home.

"This corruption of Argentina is an end to many things. In 1983, a democratic government was set up and now we might have to go to a military government which would be bad for the government. I'm just praying to God that everything will be okay," said **DiNardo**.

Overall, DiNardo enjoyed her time here.

"My greatest achievement was possibly living here for six months. I enjoy discovering how people think, along with their values, and meeting the different people," said **DiNardo**. She added her word of advice to the people of Pella. "Go out and see the world because there are many beautiful places, and everyone should get a chance to see it," said **DiNardo**.

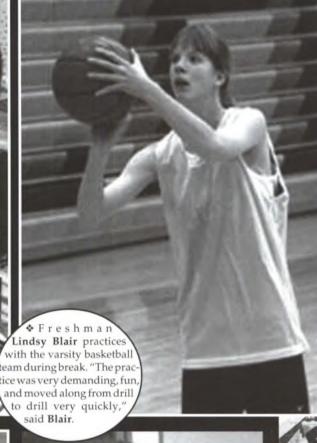
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Band instructor, Derk, and art teacher, Julie Stratton became parents of a baby boy, Jack Gabriel, on Dec. 20. He weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches long.



December







30. "IMPACT was a lot of fun. I learned a lot from our speaker, Terry Prisk. Our challenge was to read a chapter a day (of the Bible) for 30 days," said Bouwers. Sophomore Mary Beth Jones added, "This was my first Impact, and it was a lot of fun! I learned more about myself and God. I am planning on going back again next year."



♦ Senior Amanda
Vander Hart and Kathrin
Aschbacher celebrated New
Year's at classmate Julia Nurse's
house. "I'm so glad I got to spend
it with all my friends laughing,
talking, and sharing stories,"
said VanderHart.



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... 7 days of freedom

From giving to receiving, students found ways to make winter break fun

A winter break without snow found students scrambling for other ways to keep themselves busy. Some worked while others had sports practices.

Others traveled out of

Four senior girls brightened some kids' Christmases. Seniors Heather Pippel. Jenn Freeman, Lindsay Hill, and Darci Pleima went to the Juvenile Detention Facility, Montrose, with gifts.

" I had to send letters to businesses asking for help, wait for a responses from the businesses and pray. That is why it was blessing because God was with me," said Pippel.

Another trip involved a youth group from Liberty Evangelical Free Church who attended Impact, a Dec. 28-30 retreat held at the Marriott Hotel, in Des Moines.

Sophomore Natasha Vander Weide said, "It was very 'IM-PACTING' on my life."

Even though they didn't play during break, practices still continued for basketball and wrestling teams.

Junior Katelyn DePenning

said, "During Christmas break, we (the girls' basketball team) worked on the little things we had not had time to work on. The

> practices kept us in shape and prepared us for what was to come the second half of the season."

Junior Russ Hoksbergen said, "Practice helped us (the wrestlers) stay in shape and keep our weight down. It was a plus having Jake Emerick (graduate) come and help us prepare for the second half of the season."

Students also used the time off to make some money. Sophomore Jenny Veenstra worked at HyVee.

"I had to work

all day on Christmas Sophomore Eve. I didn't mind because most of my **Jenny** friends were with their Veenstra families," said Veenstra. Junior

Tremaine Versteeg left Iowa to visit her grandparents in Sioux Falls, S.D.

house was great. We had so much delicious food, and I got to have fun with all my younger cousins. We even had the bonus of snow on Christmas," said Versteeg.



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"Going to my grandparents'







Some students liked to keep their rooms neat and organized, while others, like junior Andrew Reeder, kept his room so messy that he couldn't even see the floor. Reeder said he only got around to cleaning his room every few months. In between the cleaning sessions, he had everything on the floor, from clothes and trash to plates and cans. Kicking back and relaxing riends and without parents can be nge for some students. For sopho-Schuring, no parents was no probjust moved my room to the basement ould be away from everything," said, ng. He had an entertainment cenwith couches and chairs in his Sophomore Brady Van Vark sails into a room decorated in boats. Van Vark said he liked the design and shape of his room. Junior Kyle Simpson has taken an old play oom and transformed it into his entertainment sanctuary. "I like the room because it has everything in it that I like to do," said Simpson.

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... original design

From jungle fever to total chaos, students create a haven in their rooms

What does a bedroom say about a person? Whether it's cool designs on the walls, or so messy that the floor can't be seen, a room can tell a lot.

For many students, a good and cheap way for them to decorate their rooms was to put in the art pieces that they had made through-

out their school years. Adding these art pieces also made the room unique and colorful.

"Everything I've made since fifth grade is in my room," said sophomore **Samantha Johnson**. "My favorite piece is a one-foot tall vase that I made, and I put a bunch of dried flowers from my grandmother's funeral in it."

For senior **Sarah Way**, building her own room was a way of making it special.

"We took the furnace area and built walls, the floor and put up a door. I then decorated the room. It was fun to build and made the room really mine," said Way.

Having a sibling share a room can be a total disaster, or it can be memories that will last a lifetime.

"I've shared my room with my older brother for five years now. I hate it because he always brings his girlfriend over and always leaves stuff lying around," said junior Adam Vande Voort.

Everybody has his or her own idea of what the perfect room would look like. Some would like to have a bigger room; others only want their own bathroom. A few

want a lot more extravagance in their lives.

For sophomore **John Shaw**, his idea of a perfect bedroom would be fun and entertaining.

"... first a trampoline for the floor, then white leather padded walls, and a glass ceiling 30-feet up with a black light. It would be awesome and fun. It has to be the perfect room," said Shaw.

Being able to have the perfect

room was a little more luxurious for sophomore Whitney Metcalf.

"I would have a huge room with the basic essentials: a huge bed with silk sheets and a mini refrigerator. I would also put in a loft and a water fountain. From the loft you'd walk out onto the deck where there is a hot tub with flower petals in it," said **Metcalf**.



*"Not too many people can say they sleep in a grass hut in Iowa."
Junior
Tiffany Pol

January

Welcome 2002!



Happy New Year! Students counted down to 2002 with friends and family while enjoying each others' company.

"I went to (senior) **Julia Nurse**'s house. "It was a funny and crazy night.

I had a lot of fun until 6 o'clock in the morning when everybody else was asleep, and I was the only one still partying. The only part I didn't like was when I lost at a game and had to drink of different mixtures," said senior **Kathrin Aschbacher**, above.

Sophomore **Cory Hill** said, "I turned 16, so I went and drove around in my cool van that has no seats, and almost got killed."

Hill wasn't the only person driving around. Senior **Scott Mathes** was cruising also.

"Idrove my friends around; we ended up at (senior) **Josh Printz**'s house. My girlfriend (sophomore **Lauren Birkel**) ended up there at midnight, so we had our own celebration," said **Mathes**.

New Year's is a time for fun. Right? For some people it wasn't fun, and after that their night was ruined.

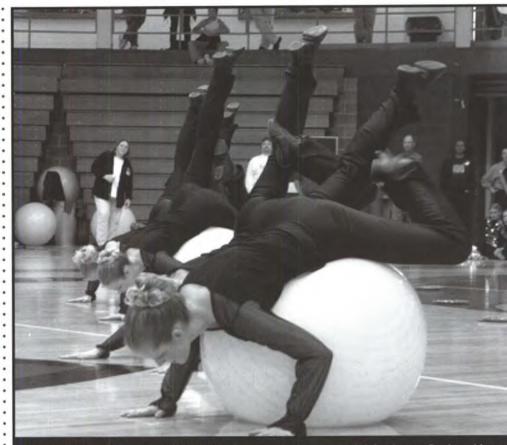
"The party that I went to ended at 12:30, that ruined my night, but oh, well. My New Year's sucked," said freshman Curtis Brobst.

Junior Alicia Heersink was just one who had to be with family.

Heersink said, "My brother and I were driving home from Utah with my parents sleeping in the family van somewhere between Lincoln and Omaha, Neb."

New Year's was not all about fun.

"I didn't feel the need to go out.
... so I slept," said sophomore
Lauretta Mac Cready.



✓SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU'VE GOT. Friday afternoon (Jan. 26), students left for almost a five-hour drive to make Midwest Regional (MA) competition in Sioux City, Nebraska. Sophomore Lindsay Graham, senior Allison Emerick, and junior Tiffany Pol perform the state division prop routine. "I felt we did well at the competition. The crowd really got into the prop and pom routine. Even though I felt that we bombed on our military, we pulled together as a team and made the rest of the day fun," said Graham.

'99 graduate dies suddenly

Sarah Maria Braun, 21, daughter of Rodney and Robin Braun, died Jan. 17 of cerebra thrombosis. Her sister Ashley is a junior, and her brother Mark graduated last year

"Losing my sister has been a big change. I never really knew how close we were until now, but I've been reall blessed with great friends and family. Some days are hard, but I always have people there when I need them."

- Junior Ashley Brau

"She was usually very excited and happy! Her laugh made other people laugh. I'll always remember her passio for the yearbook, her desire to make it as good as it could be, her dedication."

- Yearbook adviser Ann Visse

"She was a very aggressive debater; she was very organized and did more research than anyone else. She was ver determined to make the team better. We weren't good the first year, but the second year was great. She was one of the first people who joined."

- Debate coach Chris San

"I remember her as a person with a passion for life. From the perspective as a government teacher, she had interest in different issues. She could argue with a person and still match respect with the people she was talking with. She had a real gift to disagree and still received respect."

- Government teacher Mark Cor



Science Bowl advances to "Sweet 16"

The science bowl team competition took place in Ames at Iowa State on Jan. 27. The team tied or first in the pool of six teams in the prelimitary morning rounds. They advanced to the Sweet 16" rounds of the double elimination fternoon rounds of competition where they were eliminated.

"We had a lot of fun. I was happy we were oing so well at our first district because we yon. I think we did well overall. I especially njoyed beating a team 130-8," said science eacher **Les Carter**.

This is the second time in seven years that the cience Bowl team has gone to the afternoon bunds of this tournament. (The 1996 team hade the final "4").

"I thought we did well, but we didn't do as yell as we hoped," said senior Sergio Navarro.



CIENCE BOWL TEAM. Seniors Sergio Navarro, John togaard, junior Adam Chenoweth, senior Chris Westra, back) junior Ryan Terlouw. "It took a lot of effort to hake it to the afternoon rounds, but Sergio kept his hand in the buzzer," said Chenoweth.

Band walks away with a "I"

Jazz I received a "I" rating from the Iowa High School Music Association's state jazz band contest Jan. 12 in Waukee. The band received the top rating for the 21st consecutive year.



"... you can feel comfortable when you do a solo in front of a good band; all you have to do is sound good," said junior **Jeff Dole**, above.

Outstanding soloists for the program included seniors Jonathan Whalley (tenor sax), Ryan Redman (drum set) juniors Chris Boeyink (trombone), Dole (trumpet), Tiffany Pol (guitar), sophomores Lindsay Graham (alto sax and flute) Ryan Boswell and Kellee Van Hemert (alto sax).

The band analyzed an arrangement for a five-minute performance and received a "I" rating for the ability to sightread.

Jazz I Director **Dick Redman** said, "I was really pleased how they performed their program and how they did in the sightreading portion because no other contest offers this part of the program."



Senior Jonathan Whalley performs his solo at the competitions in Waukee. "The band played really well together and has all year. Hopefully we can get a fair shot at championships this year and take over our reign once and for all ... again," said Whalley.

It Out

The academic effort award was brought back his year to honor students. Teachers nomiated students for this award each semester.

Senior **Hilary Pearson** said, "It's wonderful or students to be recognized for their hard work."

The award honored 13 seniors, 12 juniors, 16 ophomores, and 13 freshmen. Teachers nomiate students who tried their hardest at their work.

"I'm proud that my accomplishments have inally paid off. I got the award for digital graphics because I had about 99% in that class. The only points that I missed was because I was sone," said senior **Katie Ross**.

The following students were recognized: seniors Ali Angel, Lindsay Hill, Erica Knoll, Staci Kruseman, Tara Neal, Lindsay Okerberg, Hilary Pearson, Karrie Peterson, Darci Pleima, Julie Rietema, Katie Ross, Zach Van Wyk and Sarah VanderHart; juniors Jessica Beranek, Gina Boles, Adam Chenoweth, LaCosta Goos. Kay Haustein, Pierce Himba, Heather Lukens, Samatha McCurry, Brandon Morgan, Megan Parsons, Tyler Roose and Mike Van Dusseldorp; sophomores Jon Erickson, Kelly Hudson, Darrell Kooistra, Michael Langenfeld, Sophie Linn, Ashley Lukens, Whitney Metcalf, Chris Orr, Brenda Roose, Alex Schuring, John Shaw, Richard Spierenburg, Don Trotter, Nathan Van Kampen, Sara Vermeer and Chakong Vue; and freshmen Lindsy Blair, Kyle Dursky, Jameson Grier, Takara Hrdlicka, Yupen Jin, Joe Langenfeld. Alexandra Linn, Cody Mock, Dustin Sloan, Tony Van Donselaar, Aleshia Williams, Jordan Williams and Amanda Wills

Top 5 Events 01.2002



Jazz I placed first for the 21st consecutive year at the Iowa High School Music Association.

"I felt that we played really well, and it gave new people to play a solo, it helped prepare us for up coming competitions."

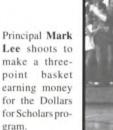
Senior Ryan Redman



Both basketball teams completed a clean sweep of Pella Christian.

"I'm really glad we beat Pella Christian because they are our biggest rivals, and we always want to beat their sorry behinds."

Sophomore Brady Van Vark







Principal Mark Lee shot a threepoint basket at halftime of the Pella-Pella Christian basketball game, earning \$850 for Dollars for Scholars.

"I felt very lucky that I made the shot, and that I was given the chance to help the athletic department make some money. It was a fun thing to be a part of." Principle Mark Lee



First semester ended Jan. 10. Semester tests were held the on the 9th and 10th.

"It's nice to know half of the year is behind us, but the second semester seems to drag on during the winter months."

Counselor Brian Huddle



2002 arrives!

"I was relieved that the year was finally over. Maybe this year the girls will become attracted to me." Freshman Cody Verros

January

Madrigals offer evening of music, fun, laughter

This year's Madrigal Dinner had something to offer everyone with everything from jester hats to acapella music. The dinner took place on Jan. 19.

"Being involved in the Madri-



✓ That's Entertainment. Seniors Hilary Pearson and Joe Fernandez entertain Madrigal Dinner participants with background music.

gal Dinner was really great. It was a good learning experience for me and everyone else involved, and the audience really seemed to enjoy it," said sophomore **Toney Chem**.

The dinner also provided the singers with musical variety and lasting memories.

"It was a great musical experience to get to work on traditional madrigal music. I felt I really broadened my musical horizons by studying a whole new style and feeling in music that I've not worked on before," said junior Samantha McCurry.

The actors provided the laughs and also got the chance to interact with the audience.

"Madrigals was a lot of fun this year. I got to be Rapunzel because I have long hair, and it was really funny. **Kyle Simpson** (junior) is a really funny guy. The head table worked really well together and

made it a great experience," said senior **Katie Sopher**.

"The most memorable part of Madrigal Dinner for me was the period of time in which we were supposed to interact with the audience. Since I was king, I had to initiate everything, and because it was all improv., I had no idea what to expect. In the end, bread was thrown, audience member's spirits were crushed, and parents were put into stocks. What else could you ask for, considering the men had to wear tights?" added Simpson.

Madrigal Cast: King (Simpson) and his Lady (McCurry), Jester (junior Michael Trotter), royal guests (seniors Alicia Broach, Amy Van Hall, John Bogaard, and Jennifer Spoelstra, juniors Kate Sloan, Jason Renaud, and Tiffany Pol, and sophomores David Trotter, Chem, Richard Spierenburg, Megan McCombs, Andrew Lundgren, and Allison Corbett), players (Sopher, senior Allison Emerick, juniors Gaoder Vue, Thomas DeKoning, Dan DeHaan, and



✓ Caught Ya! Junior Michael Trotter finds himself in shackles at the Madriga Dinner. Trotter played the part of the jester. "It was hard to balance being a player and a singer," said Trotter, "but the extra time I put in really made the show more enjoyable."

sophomores Sam Reicks, and Darvin Graham). Seniors Hilary Pearson and Katie Ross and Director Nickole Pohorsky-Sand assisted in putting the show together.

HE SAID

How do you feel semester tests went?

"Semester tests weren't as bad as I thought they would be, and I did pretty well."

> Freshman Joe Langenfeld

"I really hate studying for tests, so semester test week sucked for me."

Sophomore Andy Oldridge

"Being so busy with such an array of activities the week of semester tests really bogged me down. Also, I didn't really study as much as I could have."

> Junior Michael Trotter

"I think semester tests are so worthless!"

Senior Wade Lamb

SHE SAID

"I don't really like semester tests, because they stress me out, and I always put off studying."

> Freshman Jackie Van Veldhuizen

"I think that semester tests were easier than I expected. I should have studied more in some subjects, but overall, semester tests went very well for me this year."

> Sophomore Mary Beth Jones

"I think that tests are definitely getting harder as we get older, because this year's tests were really tough."

> Junior Kara Elsloo

"Because I'm a senior, semester tests didn't stress me out as much this year." Senior Jenni Moore

Speech earns six "I" ratings

District Large Group Speech Contest was held Jan. 10 in Montezuma with 30 students participating.

"Individually, I thought I did well at districts and felt I did a good job developing my character. As a team, we started out rocky, but somehow we clicked in the end," said senior Allison Emerick, a member of a group



✓ Calming Nerves. Junior Katie Kniff prepares hersel: at the District Speech contest in Montezuma. "I felt tha districts went very well for me," said Kniff.

improvisation that received a "I" rating.

All participants who recieved a "I" rating a districts participated in state contest Feb. 2.

"I" ratings: Readers Theatre- LaCosta Goos, Elisabeth Klever Karrie Peterson, Megan Weiler, Anna Whatling, Katie Val Dusseldorp, Emma Vander Well, Michelle Steenhoek); Grou Improvisation (Allison Emerick, Lech Harris, Hilary Pearson Sam Reicks); Group Improvisation (Dan De Haan, Brandon Boat Nick Miller, William Van Weelden); Ensemble Acting (Michael Trotter, Emma Vander Well); Ensemble Acting (Brandon Boat Hilary Pearson, Samantha Mc Curry, Lech Harris, Dan George Ensemble Acting (Katie Collins, Heather Lukens)





'Hands up! Junior Jessie Dingeman nows her enthusiasm at State Show Choir contest on January 28. "I feel that it was very well done because all our energy was combined to make it an awesome show," said **Dingeman**.

Show Choir receives "I" rating

Not only did they host the Jan. 8 State Show Choir Contest, the how choir also came away with a I" rating.

Show Choir consists of 28 mem-

"Practices were really tough, but s we got closer to the competition, they became more fun and paid off," said sophomore Sam Reicks.

"They performed better than my expectations against some tough competition, so I was proud of their performance," said **Nickolet Pohorsky-Sand**, director.

Lack of Snow During the Winter



UPs 1

"I think its great to have a break from the snow this year. I got to see snow when I went skiing this winter, so I'm not missing out on anything."

Sophomore Drew Wilson



↓DOWNs

"I wish we could have had a lot more snow this winter, but I'm glad we have had only one snow day."

Freshman Sara Langham

Pella in fo

Tulip City Champs **x** 2

Pella overcomes Pella Christian in four battles



Senior Julie Rietema

The Pella vs. Pella Christian game is possibly the most anticipated basketball game of each basketball season. Nearly one-third of the town's residents show up twice a season to witness Pella's two high schools, crosstown rivals since the competition began in 1974.

Students, parents, and players alike psyched themselves up for this year's showdown between Pella Christian and Pella. Students helped the players by cheering them on and getting themselves fired up.

"I got fired up for the P.C. game because a lot of my friends go to Pella Christian, so I usually sat on the P.C. side and made fun of them when they were losing," said junior **Alicia Heersink**.

"At the game, I get really pumped up when the Pella Christian fans start cheering and then we make a basket and steal the ball, and our side yells back at them," said freshmen **Cody Verros**.

But students and fans are not the only ones that were firing themselves up for the game. The players psyched themselves up for the city championship.

"To fire up for the Pella Christian game, the team does cheers in the locker room, and we listen to our team CD. We also had a team meal and a motivational speaker to help us get excited and ready mentally for the game," said junior **Heather Kraayenbrink**.

Last year's loss to the Pella Christian boys was a motivation to many of the players, and helped them challenge themselves to play harder this year.

"To get ready for the game against Pella Christian this year, I sat on the locker room floor and thought about how they beat us last year," said senior **Lance Roorda**.

Sweeping Pella Christian was a memorable moment for athletes and fans alike.

"Beating P.C. twice this year was exhilirating," said senior **Sarah Way.** "We seniors always get really pumped for the games but especially for the crosstown rival."

Faaaassssssst Fact

On Jan. 8, 2002, Pella was warmer than any city in Florida with a high of 64 degrees!

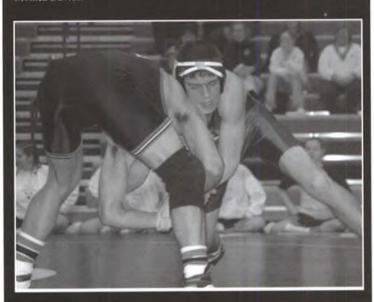


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WRESTLING



VARSITY/JV. Manager Allison Emerick, Brian Melhus, Zach Van Wyk, Adam Larson, Jon Miller, Joe Burch, Russell Hoksbergen, Justin Caldwell, Ray J. Lovell, manager Sherri Laughlin ROW 2: Manager Jaimie Fuller, Chris Durham, Andy Hawkins, Matt Lahvic, John Cogley, Zach Van Horn, Tony Torres, Michal Nowak, Trainer Andrea Brobst ROW 3: Managers Jaci Terlouw and Nathan Van Kampen, Nick Fitch, Wade Hamre, Andrew Bradley, Drew Wilson, Brad McNabb, Adam Zemanek, D.J. Henle Not Pictured: Managers Megan McConville and Monica Davids.

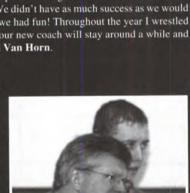


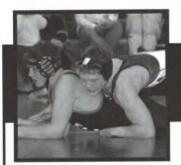
MAKING THE NEXT MOVE. Junior Zach Van Horn wrestled against his 160pound opponent from Grinnell at a home meet. The varsity team finished with a loss for the evening, but the J.V. team pulled through with a win. "I think that for the most part our season went well. We didn't have as much success as we would have liked, but we learned a lot and we had fun! Throughout the year I wrestled a lot of tough opponents. Hopefully our new coach will stay around a while and our program will start to build," said Van Horn.

DOING WHAT COACHES DO. Coaches Bill Van Horn and Chris Laughlin watch a match and are forced to coach from behind the bench as a new rule was put in place this year. This was Laughlin's fourth year as assistant coach and Van Horn re-

turned for one year to coach. "The wrestling season went well, and I enjoyed Bill as a coach. I'm really looking forward to our new coach next year," said sophomore Drew Wilson.



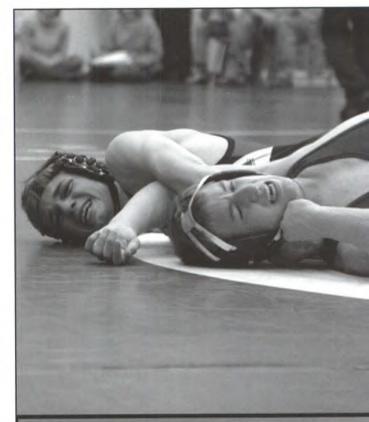








Chris Durham



JV achieves a winning season

Thaving a winning season was an excellent boost for the wrestli program. "It felt good to have a winning season. I felt like I rea accomplished something at the end of the year. I'll always rememb beating Knoxville," said freshman Wade Hamre, 135 pounds.

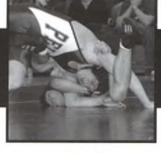
Adjusting to the rigor of high school practices over middle school practices proved to be a challenge for some of the freshmen with tlers. "Practices were tough and a lot different than in middle scho We had to practice and condition longer and harder. Wrestling i good influence, even though some people don't think so," s freshman Adam Zemanek.

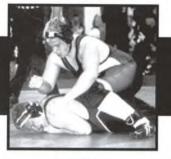
Ter many of the team members, this year was the first time they h ever set foot on the mat, from incoming freshmen to a new seni Michal Nowak. It proved even more of a challenge. Coming fr Poland he had never seen American wrestling, "Wrestling wa good experience. I was really confused in my first match because didn't know you couldn't put people in headlocks," said Nowal

ESCAPE. Freshman Adam Zemanek escapes from his Norwalk opponent co











Brian Melhus

Jon Miller

Andy Hawkins

Wade Hamre

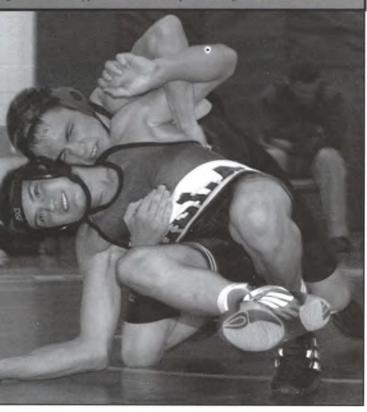
arsity team endures tough season

Some wrestlers just couldn't seem to make weight ahead of time. Before arriving at the Oskaloosa tournament, the bus had to stop, and junior Ray J. Lovell and sophomore Joe Burch had to run at the last minute. "They had to get off of the bus a few blocks away from the school to run off their extra pounds. Then they had to sit on the heater in the bus to sweat off the rest," said senior Adam

DA new coach was brought in this season causing another transition for the team. For the seniors it was the third coach in four years. Bill Van Horn, who also serves as athletic director, came back from taking two years off from wrestling to coach one more season. "I really enjoyed having the opportunity to coach once again. Having been out of it for a few years made it an adjustment. Having the chance to work with all the team members turned out to be a great experience for me and, hopefully, them," said Van Horn.

Throughout the year the team improved and grew. "It was a good year; we had a lot of fun in the wrestling room. We really came together as a team," said junior Russell Hoksbergen.

GOING FOR A PIN. Junior Zach Van Wyk prepares to make his final move against his Albia opponent and score six points during the Pella Invitational.



SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Centerville 51, Pella 23 Clarke 48, Pella 23 Norwalk 36, Pella 24 Grinnell 48, Pella 24

Tournaments

Dallas Center/Grimes John Cogley 5th DJ Henle 5th Ion Miller 4th Brian Melhus 4th Joe Burch

Prairie City/ Monroe Ray Lovell DJ Henle 6th Joe Burch 6th Russell Hoksbergen 5th Justin Caldwell 3rd Zach Van Wyk 3rd

IV

Norwalk 12, Pella 3 Pella 16, Grinnell 9 Boone 15, Pella 3 Pella 8, Knoxville 6

Pella 47. Knoxville 26 Oskaloosa 66, Pella 12 Waukee 37, Pella 31, Fairfield 51, Pella 6

Oskaloosa Zach Van Wyk 5th Brian Melhus 5th Joe Burch 3rd

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Ray Lovell

Little Hawkeye Conference Jon Miller Zach Van Wyk 2nd Adam Larson 5th Ray Lovell 5th Brian Melhus 6th John Cogley 6th Russell Hoksbergen 6th Joe Burch Zach Van Horn 4th Andy Hawkins 4th

Pella 18, Clarke 12 Pella 12, Centerville 3 Pella 12, Waukee 12



"When the season ended, I was very glad that I had wrestled all four years throughout high school. I've learned a lot and improved so much. I'll always remember beating Knoxville's number one wrestler my senior year. It was a goal that I have worked hard to accomplish."

Senior John Cogley



"I was in a match for third. It was tied, I was down, and I tried to stand up. I threw him to his back and got two back points with six seconds left. I ended up winning by two points."

Sophomore Joe Burch

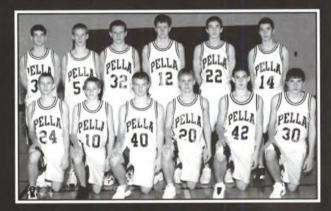




Basketball VARSITY JV-9th



VARSITY. Brandon Morgan, Jeff Dole, Billy Fox, David Nurse, ROW 2: Aaron Bloodsworth, Tyler Beerends, Pierce Hibma, Klayton Korver, Lance Roorda, Scott Ewell, Nick Mulder, Micah Kraayenbrink, Luke Ballenger, Vance Schuring.



JV. Jacob Vaverka, Matt Goodyk, Jon Vermeer, Michael Langenfeld, Seamus Turnbull, Todd Schuring. ROW 2: Brady Van Vark, Jon Erickson, Jason Pfadenhauer, Taylor Brummel, Josh Smith, Nick Hartson.



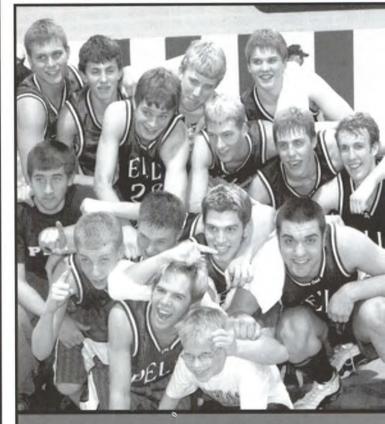
Freshmen, YuPeng Jin, Bruno Orticelli, Cody Verros, Addison Baccam. ROW 2: Cody Kirby, Taylor Lind, David Nurse, Justin Versteeg, Derek Forsythe, ROW 3: Ryan Bettger, Kyle Dursky, Travis Bogaard, Austin Ewell.







Derek Forsythe



JV, freshmen record winning seasons

DFor most JV players, a major accomplishment was coming back to win over Waukee in overtime, 76-75."The best game was our fir game against Waukee. We came back from 18 to beat them by one i overtime. Another great part was the team meals, which turned int pregame parties," said sophomore Michael Langenfeld.

The freshman team started off their season with eight consecutive wins. "A couple of things stick out in my mind. One would probable be our 17-1 season, and the other, our best game which we playe against Waukee and ended up losing by one. Those were some goo times," said freshman Derek Forsythe.

□Although he noted two negatives, overall, freshman Ryan Bettge thought the season went well. "The coaching was better, and the practices were tough because of the early mornings. It was hard wakin up early, but it was a fantastic year," said Bettger.

On your marks, get set, rebound! Sophomores Jacob Vaverka, Jon Vermeer a Josh Smith wait under the basket to grab the rebound in their only game again Chariton. The JV won the game, 64-46.









Josh Smith



Klayton Korver



Brady Van Vark

oys make history with 3A title

DPractices and games were not the only memorable parts of the eason; the social times the players had together, such as team meals, nade many of these memories. Before each game the team would get together at a player's house to have a meal together and watch a novie. "One thing that I will always remember was when Brandon Morgan, Lance Roorda, and Scott Ewell ripped on each other at earn meals," said junior Nick Mulder.

The varsity finished the regular season with a 20-1 record (the only oss was to Washington), the Little Hawkeye Conference title, and he state 3A title. "Every part of the season was memorable. Things ust got better and better with every game. A highlight was winning he conference and just having fun in team settings," said junior Pierce Hibma.

Deating Centerville in the district finals was a highlight for junior Klayton Korver. "It was the most amazing atmosphere I've ever played basketball in. After the game was over, I walked into the ocker room, and my ears were ringing," said Korver.

ON THE WAY! Varsity boys celebrate the win over Keokuk in sub-state that arned a trip to the state tournament where they finished first in 3A.



SCOREBOARD

<u>var</u>	<u>sity</u>
Osky	88-47, 79-59
Albia	78-42
Boone	70-46, 80-58
Knoxville	59-44, 70-55
Ottumwa	86-53
P.C.	69-50, 60-41
Norwalk	61-42, 85-51
Waukee	67-53, 72-54
South Tama	78-52
Grinnell	58-45, 54-45
Keokuk	79-63
PCM	52-50
Mt. Pleasant	76-71
Washington	66-80
Fairfield	71-36
Centerville	59-56
Keokuk	67-46
Grinnell	56-51
Oelwein	48-45
Sioux City Heelen	61-53

Honors

First team all-conference - Pierce Hibma, Klayton Korver

2nd team all-conference - Nick Mulder Honorable Mention - Lance Roorda, Luke Ballenger

First team all-state - Hibma, Register 2nd team all-state - Korver, Register 2nd team all-state - Hibma, INA All-District - Hibma, Korver

All-tournament team - Hibma, Korver

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Knoxville	71-53, 62-40
Waukee	76-75, 51-87
Albia	54- 44
P.C.	56-66, 56-4
Chariton	65-46
Grinnell	61-56, 67-62
Ottumwa	53-47
Norwalk	50-36, 40-45
Boone	76-48
South Tama	68-67
Osky	72-48
Keokuk	57-66
PCM	51-48
Mt. Pleasant	46-49
Washington	63-57

Freshmen

LIGORILION		
Knoxville	57-35, 60-53	
Waukee	58-46, 45-46	
Chariton	66-42	
Osky	55-35, 61-59	
Osky (B)	44-35	
Pella Christian	56-31, 36-62	
Ottumwa	58-49	
PCM	73-36, 71-41	
Grinnell	59-51, 47-44	
Grinnell (B)	25-27, 34-31	
Norwalk	72-34, 62-42	
Boone	46-37	
Albia	68-23	
Albia (B)	46-39	
Indianola	73-43	
Indianala(B)	26.61	





"Waking up for early morning practice at 5:30 in the morning and going to practice hardly awake."

Freshman David Nurse

"When we were riding the bus home from Albia, the varsity boys made us sing songs the whole way home."

Sophomore Nick Hartson



"The pre-game meals were the best when we watched movies and played video games and putting up with Luke and Vance's A.D.D."

Senior Lance Roorda





BASKETBALL VARSITY IV 9TH



VARSITY. Manager Jenn Freeman. ROW 2: Katelyn DePenning, Heather Kraayenbrink, Ali Angel. ROW 3: Billi Ellingson, Tremaine Versteeg, Tracy Marlow, Julie Rietema. ROW 4: Tara Sorensen, Jena Marlow, Lindsay Korver.



JV. Lyndsay VanMaaren, Angela LoThi, Chelsea Freese, Jordy Bloodsworth. ROW 2: Whitney Metcalf, Lara VanWyk, Alison Corbett, Kristin Van Zee, Emily Bensink, Lindsey VanderWert.



FRESHMEN. Lindsy Blair, Ashlèy VanderHart, Leila Garner. ROW 2: Skyler Dobernecker, Jordan Williams, Cassie Jones, Lacey Pender, Bobbi VanZante, Sara Mullen. ROW 3: Jill Van Vark, Takara Hrdlicka. Ali Linn. Chelsea Pelland.



Heather Kraayenbrink



Lindsy Blair



9th/JV post winning seasons

☐ After ankle injuries affected seven of 10 players, the JV team came back to health by their seventh game against Grinnell winning 60-33. Sophomore Lindsey VanderWert said, "It was hard for me to come back and play after being out. I felt sluggish and had to learn several new plays. I even missed the first four games of the season. It felt good to come back against Grinnell because then I felt a part of the team again." VanderWert was out for a month.

The PCM freshman game was a close call but ended in a 44-43 win. Freshman Sara Mullen said, "PCM beat us by a lot last year. Winning by one point was great and really showed how much we've improved since last year."

□Although losing to Washington by a basket was disappointing, the JV team gave it their all. Practices gaining fundamentals paid off that night. "I think it was one of our best games. We came together as a team and all played very well. I had a lot of fun despite our loss," said sophomore Lara Van Wyk.

SHE SHOOTS, SHE SCORES! With a move over two Washington defenders, senior Julie Rietema pulls up a jump-shot in the state quarterfinals. Rietema led the team is scoring with 14 points as the Lady Dutch won, 65-46.







Jordan Williams



Tara Sorensen



Tracy Marlow

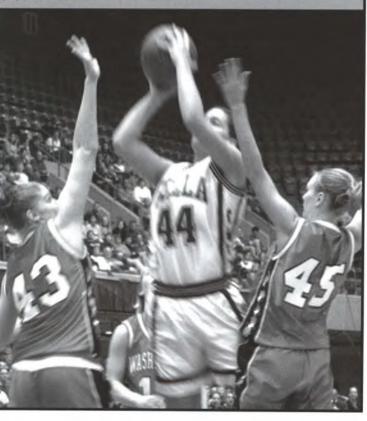
There's a first for everything

Two undefeated archrivals fought to keep their record clean when the Lady Dutch met Pella Christian on Jan. 4. In the end, Pella came at on top, winning by 21 points. Junior Tremaine Versteeg said, Winning this game is something to be proud of. We really showed etermination. This rivalry has always been a good one."

Emotions ran wild when the varsity defeated Washington for the econd time, 57-55 in overtime. Before this season, the Lady Dutch ad defeated the Demons. Junior **Heather Kraayenbrink** scored the inning field goal, giving Pella a two-point win.

Knocking off Centerville, Knoxville, and Norwalk, the girls adanced to state. In PHS girls' basketball history, the Dutch have never on a game at state. After another win against the three-time state nampions Washington Demons, the Lady Dutch made history once gain. The season ended with 22 wins, giving them the best girls' ecord ever at PHS.

OX-OUT! Setting themselves into position, sophomores Whitney Metcalf and lison Corbett prepare to rebound the ball in a game against Albia. "It was a total team fort. We were confident we could win, but also went into the game focused and ready play," said Corbett.



SCOREBOARD

Var	sity
South Tama	47-40
Oskaloosa	44-37; 53-41
Mt. Pleasant	48-31
Washington	54-50; 57-55
Boone	50-45; 43-35
Knoxville	40-37; 39-48
Indianola	46-32
Pella Christian	43-22; 41-35
Norwalk	27-39; 49-45
Grinnell	64-40; 67-32
Keokuk	52-54
Waukee	53-35; 53-25

Post-season

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Centerville	70-41
Knoxville	64-36
Norwalk (Regionals)	49-41
Washington (Quartefinals)	65-46
Perry (Semifinals)	34-58
Overall Record: 2	1-4

Honors

All-Conference. 1st team: Julie Rietema, Heather Kraayenbrink; 2nd team: Tracy Marlow; Honorable Mention: Jena Marlow, Tara Sorensen 3A All-Star Game: Rietema All-District 3A SE Region: Rietema 3A 3rd Team All State: Rietema All Tournament Team 3A: Kraayenbrink

JV	
South Tama	54-35
Knoxville	55-44; 70-47
Mt. Pleasant OT	55-59
Pella Christian	41-47: 43-35
Washington	45-47: 40-49
Albia	67-19; 43-35
Grinnell	60-33; 40-56
Boone	53-51
Lynville-Sully	55-41
PCM	45-46
Oskaloosa	45-29
Waukee	59-25
Keokuk	25-59
Indianola	48-38

Overall Record: 12-7 Freshmen

Knoxville	52-30; 37-17
Waukee	44-22; 43-20
Albia	38-16; 47-23
Pella Christian	22-38; 30-33
Boone	37-34
PCM	44-43; 40-30
Oskaloosa	45-47; 45-47
Norwalk	40-24; 42-30
Lynville-Sully	47-30
Grinnell	50-33; 33-30

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Overall Record: 14-4

emorable



"We were going to Boone, and I asked how long it was before we got there. (Brian) Huddle answered, 'About two minutes.' I said, 'We're only going two miles a minute!' Takara (Hrdlicka) said, 'That's like 120 miles per hour.' We're still laughing about it. I felt stupid, but it was funny."

Freshman Bobbi VanZante

"I'd say my most memorable moments were at team meals. It was fun because we all just hung out and talked about crazy stuff while we pigged out on some really good food!"

Sophomore Kristin VanZee





"We couldn't have asked for a better game at state (against Washington). Everybody got to play, and Ali got to score. It was a great memory for our team, and I'll never forget it."

Junior Lindsay Korver

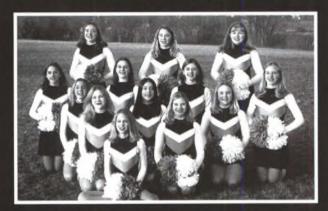




FORTE VARSITY JV MEN



VARSITY. Alicia Broach, Megan Laughlin, Annie Carlson. ROW 2: Ashley Braun, Annie Terlouw, Allison Emerick, Courtney Fleenor, Jessica Dingeman. ROW 3: Naina Barnett, Hillary Recker, Lindsay Graham, Emily Filer, Laura Mitchell, Megan Mc Combs, Sara Steenhoek. ROW 4: Kate Hamlin, Samantha Mc Curry, Tiffany Pol, Ashley Sponsler, Jessica Grier, Ashely Roorda.



JUNIOR VARSITY. Amanda Van Sant. ROW 2: Jenny Veenstra, Erika Engelbrecht. ROW 3: Becky Steenhoek, Sara Langham, Brianna Garrard. ROW 4: Brianna Ybarrola, Jacinda Bouwers. Micaela Grob, Kayla Lewis. ROW 5: Sophie Linn, Heather Ross. Megan Bender.



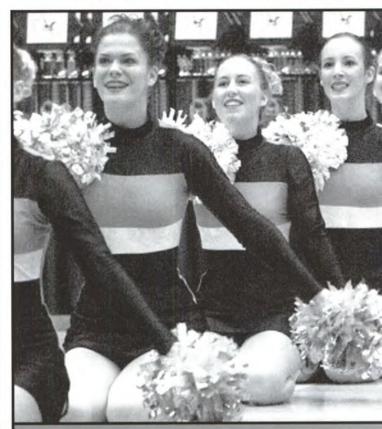
MEN OF FORTE. Toney Chem, Ryan Redman, Jaysen Lopez. ROW 2: Mike Richards, Wade Lamb, Thomas De Koning, Michael Trotter, Dustin Pierce, Mike Mitchell. ROW 3: Anthony Lopez, Nick De Ruiter, Kyle Simpson, Chung Yang, Scott Mathes, Pete Randol, David Trotter, Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo.



Chung Yang



Heather Ross, Erika Engelbrecht



Forté captures Triple Crown

Three time state champs! Forté earned the honor at the stat competition in December in Des Moines in the pom, prop and militar categories.

"This year was a lot of fun but a lot of hard work. We all worke together and pulled off a great season!" said senior Alicia Broach.

In January the varsity traveled with the men and JV to Sioux City Neb., to the Marching Auxillary (MA) regionals where they receive top choreography and overall dance technique honors. They receive a 95 or better on all three routines, qualifying for the super sweepstake and placing in the top five overall.

Men of Forté was a new addition. They placed second in the all-mal open category at state and received top honors at the MA regionals.

JV Forté received a superior (I) rating on both of their routines at M. and was honored with outstanding precision, excellence in the militar category and sportsmanship at the ADT competition at SE Polk Hig School in early February.

"It was cool to be on the first and last JV Forté team; we did reall well for the first competition," said freshman Brianna Ybarrola.

GO! FIGHT! WIN! Juniors Kate Sloan, Aleisha Brummel and Katie Kniff lift Nicole Bever at the boys' state basketball tournament. "I really liked cheering at the basketball tournament, especially when we had such a great team to cheer for," said Sloan.







Kimme-Jo Bouwers

Cheerleading builds friendships

Cheerleading is one way the members of this year's squad showed their school spirit.

"I really had a lot of fun cheering with the squad. We became such good friends that whenever we would cheer together, we would always have a blast," said boys' basketball cheerleading captain Kelly Eysink, sophomore, pictured

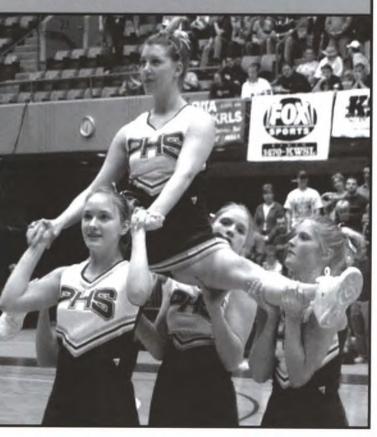


above with junior Katie Kniff, left, a fellow member of the varsity basketball squad.

The cheerleading squad spent many hours together practicing their cheers and traveling to athletic events in other cities.

"We are together quite a bit during the season, so we become kind of like sisters, we fight, we make up, we become close and have a lot of fun cheering together," said junior Lindsay Mc Farland.

DANCIN' ALL NIGHT. Junior Emily Filer, senior Alicia Broach and sophomore Annie Ter Louw impress the judges with their award-winning pom routine at the state competition. "Our pom routine was challenging, but nothing we couldn't handle. When it all came together at state, it felt like we blew the audience away, and we were able to come out with three state championships!" said Filer.



Cheerleading



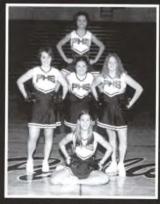
VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL. Kristin Sytsma, Kelly Eysink, ROW 2: Kate Sloan, Aleisha Brummel, ROW 3: Nicole Beyer, Katie Kniff.



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Heather Dugger-Fryman, Lindsay McFarland, Katie Ozinga. ROW 2: Kimme-Jo Bouwers, Cherry Pao, Danielle Jacobson, Jackie Van Veldhuizen.



VARSITY FOOTBALL. Victoria Cervellera, Megan Mc Combs, Kelly Eysink. ROW 2: Lori Sopher, April Rus, Kate Sloan. ROW 3: Kristin Sytsma, Danielle Jacobson.



WRESTLING. Laura Sopher. ROW 2: Amanda Chapman, Jocelyn Davis, Heidi Steenhoek. ROW 3: Nancy Phiv.

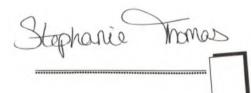


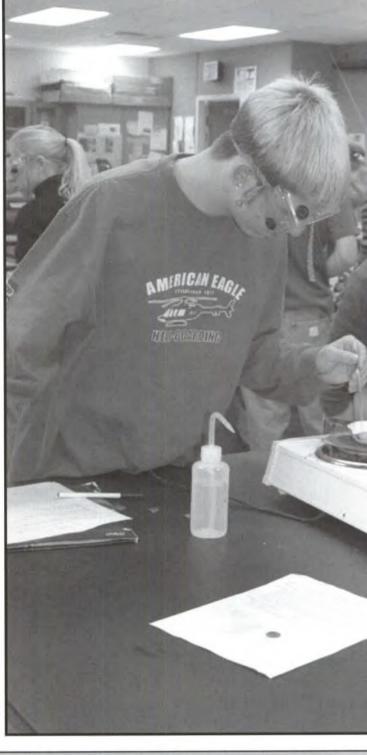
Resource Room teacher Bill Lubach helps junior Chelsea Flanagan with her assignments. "I was getting help about what classes I should take next year. This class gives me the extra help that I need to make certain decisions," said Flanagan.

Juniors Charli Fontana and Billy Fox examine their boiling pennies to see how they change color. "The labs in chemistry are kind of fun. With this lab it was cool seeing the pennies change color after we boiled them," said Fox.



In intro, to journalism, we are given a base of new writing and how to present it. We learn editorial, column, and feature story writing. As a senior, I obviously can't enter into a newspaper or yearbook class next year. What I am receiving from this class is more of a benefit. The class is a blast, and I recommend it even if you aren't going into journalism.





@Band/ Blair, Redman

"I enjoy symphonic band because the music is a little more challenging. It's fun, except for a couple songs that we just can't seem to get due to their difficulty."

Junior Leta Hanson

Digital Graphics/Emmert

"I took this class because it would be a great skill for me to have, especially with my drawings. I don't have the proper coloring equipment, so I can now scan my drawings to make them look cleaner by using Adobe Photoshop,"

Freshmen Ranson Worstell

Basic Computer/Dickinson

"I took this class because I needed help typing, and I think it will help me when I get older."

Freshmen Jenny Torres

Chemistry/Carter

"With Mr. Carter's jokes, the Iron Chemist competitions, and the impossible tests, chemistry is both entertaining and challenging." Junior Pierce Hibma





Digital Graphics Lindsy Blair



Basic Computer Brandyn Van Zante



<u>Chemistry</u> Jena Marlow, Stuart Steenhoek



Reading and Writing Ashley Gritters



Intro to Journalism Leila Garner, Tate Stursma



MONDAY

- Band Digital Graphics Basic Computer
- •Intro to Journalism Chemistry WorkSite
 - Reading and Writing Resource Room



WorkSite gives students a taste of the real world

WorkSite, or School to Career, was an academic opportunity for many juniors and seniors. "I have learned a lot while working at the Village Florist. The best part about working is getting out of school early and doing what I like to do," said senior Lindsey Kiefaber, left. Many of the students found it to be an easy way to make money while getting school credits. "Since I have started working, my grades have gone up a lot. I can concentrate more on my major classes, rather than the filler ones. Also, I can put in hours and make more money," said junior Cody Boat.

Digital Graphics experiments with computer art

From putting their faces on the front of magazines to having more freedom, digital graphics students enjoyed their own creativity along with less instruction. "I like being able to have the freedom of working at my own pace and not having instructions every day," said freshmen Stacey DeJoode, right. With the different types of computer art, the students were able to use various types of software. "This class has shown me types of software that are offered, along with letting me try new things," said sophomore Tyler Vander Linden.





From outside to in, band students enjoy change

Freshman Andrew Oakland, left, performs one of the many songs that the concert band worked on second semester. "Overall, I enjoyed concert band better because for one, we didn't have to wake up early, but also I enjoy the changing of different types of music," said Oakland. Both the symphonic and concert bands worked on different types of pieces for their upcoming March concert. During that time, select students prepared for their solo and ensemble competitions. "Our saxophone ensemble rehearsed for a month. I don't know if we'll be ready for the competition, but hopefully we'll do fine," said sophomore Ryan Boswell.

WorkSite/Trow

he benefits of working at Fareway r school to career are that I get to ork with people I like, I get out of school, and I get paid. Plus, it is good experience for me.' Senior Adam Larson

Reading and Writing/Chaplin

"I took this class because it was the only English credit I could fit into my schedule. In this class we obviously do a bunch of reading and writing, so it isn't very hard.' Senior Matt Santiago

Intro. to Journalism/Visser

"I am learning many things in intro. to journalism. It basically teaches you important things you need to know when writing. I believe this will allow me to develop better writing skills." Sophomore Sara Shetterly

Resource Room/Lubach

"This class gives us all self-confidence and helps us with our school work along with our plans for the future." Junior Jessi Beranek



Reading and Writing Van Weelden, Mary Beth Van Maanen Brett Nikkel, David Vos





Basic Computer Bobbi Van Zante





Digital Graphics





Select choir and choir gave students a chance to sing during school. Sophomore Jeni Cervellera, senior Jacinda Bouwers, sophomore Michelle Dykstra, freshman Michelle Holthaus, and senior Lisa Phiv belt out a tune during their winter concert. Bouwers said, "Choir was a really good time and gave us a chance to sing, which is something I love to do."

Senior Hillary Recker dissects her fetal pig for her semester final. Instead of having a regular exam in anatomy, students were given a fetal pig and had to examine it and name the different parts. Recker said, "Dissecting the pig was actually a lot of fun. It was easier then having a test probably, although we all put in a lot of hours studying for this examination. It was still something a little different, therefore making it more fun."



In Adaptive P.E. we play all different sorts of games. One of our favorites is capture the flag. Being in Adaptive P.E. allows us to make friendships with other students who we normally wouldn't see. The environment is always full of laughs and smiles.





@Government/Core

"Although government is a required class, it's a good one to take anyway. You learn a lot about the world and its economy. You also learn about the law, which is very interesting and can be very useful."

Senior Stacey Hoopes

College Speech/Woolery

"College speech is a really good class, and it will help me out for college. Mr. Woolery is a lot of fun and has taught me numerous things about speaking and talking to and in front of other people."

Senior Lori Sopher

Consumer Math/Nibbelink

"Consumer math will help me in the future by using the equations for sales tax and other stuff that we use in everyday life."

Senior Sarah Van Der Hart

Health/Clark

"Health is a good class because you actually learn some stuff that is used to students in the real world. It is al more interesting because it has som hands-on activities."

Junior Scott Ewell





Select Choir Megan McConville



Government Ryan Redman



Government Brian Visser



<u>Choir</u> Austin Vander Linden



Anatomy Jacob Ahee





- •Government Health Adaptive P.E. World History Advanced Accounting Anatomy
- •College Speech Consumer Math Select Choir



Trial helps teach ins/outs of judicial system

Government gave students the opportunity to learn more about the workings of the government, current events and even debate with classmates during the mock trial. The mock trial was choice given to the students for a quarter project they were required to do. Ten students from each class got the chance to do the mock trial, a project that was worth 50 points. Senior **Jonathan Whalley**, left, was a lawyer during the first semester trial. **Whalley** said, "Mock trial was a fun, challenging experience that taught all of us how to do group work. It taught half of us how to win a court case."

Adaptive P.E. offers alternative ways

Adaptive P.E. was one way for students to earn their physical education requirements without taking basic P.E. Sophomore **Joshua Jones**, right, got his workout by playing basketball. The activities they participated in were basketball, bowling, swimming, volleyball, and personal fitness activities. Junior **Katie Overbergen** took adaptive P.E. and said, "Adaptive P.E. was a great experience. It was a lot of fun working with people I wouldn't probably normally be in contact with. We did a lot of different things that I wouldn't have gotten the chance to do in regular P.E."





Public speaking skills bettered in speech

Many students took the opportunity to practice public speaking by taking speech and college speech. Students wrote numerous speeches on topics ranging from how to make origami by senior **Joe Fernandez** to fileting fish, given by senior **Randy Ozinga**. Each took anywhere from two-to-ten minutes. Students enjoyed the laid back atmosphere and the time to work on their speeches in class. "Speech was a good experience. It gave me an opportunity to learn how to speak in front of an audience, even though it was all my classmates," said senior **Dustin Studer**, left.

World History/Anthony

"World History with Mr. Anthony is a very interesting class. Mr. Anthony really knows everything that he's talking about, and he makes sure the students learn it as well." Junior Cody Boat Advanced Accounting/McKinstrey

"I enjoyed advanced accounting a lot. You see a lot of personal attention because the class size is so small. It has very much furthered my interest in accounting." Senior Matt Pitkin Select Choir/Pohorsky

"I feel that select choir is better then concert choir this year because the people are more dedicated, and we get more accomplished." Senior Jennifer Spoelstra Anatomy/Physiology/Hones

"Anatomy was a lot of work, but I also learned a lot. We dissected a pig this year. It's not every day you get to probe a dead pig." Senior Allison Roush



Choir Jessica Dingeman



Government Fric Salter



Choir Iacinda Bouwers, Kate Hamlin



Anatomy First Semester Anatomy Class



Government Matt Melhus





Senior Shelley Vander Werff helps her kindergarten students for her peer helper outreach project. "Peer helper was a great learning experience. I enjoyed the outreach project and the actual class. I learned a lot about the appropriate way to deal with problems," said Vander Werff.

Junior Jason Renaud works on his bridge in conceptual physics class. Groups got together and built bridges, then once finished, all the bridges were put to the test of strength. "Since I had conceptual physics first hour, most days I was just kind of there," said Renaud.



Peer helper is a great class to take. You not only get to work with people to help them, but you learn lots of things about yourself, like how to deal with problems, and several counseling techniques. I enjoyed helping other students. I recommend taking peer helper your senior year.





Conceptual Physics/Siewert "Physics is a cool class. Trying all the experiments are pretty fun. Sometimes we debate a subject where I can actually say something because I know what I'm talking about. Mr. Siewert is cool, so he makes the class fun."

Junior Jason Pridgen

World Geography/Reeves

"I enjoy Mr. Reeves's geography class. I can tell that he's experienced at his job."

Sophomore Izaac Holt

"I think it's a really good class to take because it helps you, and you learn a lot. I recommend it to juniors because it's a good college credit course.

Senior Lisa Phiv

"Spanish is fun because we ha small class, and Ms. Soria is n Senior Amy Van Hall





Conceptual Physics



Yearbook/Newspaper Jenn Freeman, Dan Hunt



Humanities L. Anderson, M. Hiemstra, K. Haustein, A. Bell



Industrial Technology Chris Orr



English 9 Honors Curtis Brobst



Wednesday

- •Conceptual Physics Newspaper Ind. Tech. •
- Humanities World Geography Psychology •
 Spanish 4 English 9 Honors Peer Helper



Students experience different cultures

Humanities wasn't just another English class. Students studied and discussed the diversity of cultures and value systems from ancient to modern times. This course was a two period class combining English and history courses. "Our humanities class spent the day cooking special food for a unit we were on. It was cool to have two periods of fun and relaxation. I enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life," said junior **Tracy Marlow**, left. "I think it has been a very successful concept. It brings together two disciplines that allow students to make connections between history and literature," said humanities teacher **Dave Bensink**.

Publications students spend day at IHSPA

Iowa High School Press Association's Fall Conference in Des Moines offered students a chance to learn about many different areas of journalism from outstanding teachers and professionals in Iowa. "I had a great time at IHSPA. The speakers gave us valuable information about journalism, but they also made it fun," said sophomore Emma VanderWell, right. Senior Allison Emerick agreed. "I enjoyed seeing familiar faces from other towns and going to my dad's class (her father Paul Emerick presented a session on digital photography)," said Emerick.





Industrial Technology gets a little dusty

One of the requirements of taking an industrial technology class was a unified project, and students participated in making cup holders for teachers through an assembly line. Once that project was finished, students were allowed to make something of their choice. "It was fun being able to design our own project and make it. Seeing the final project is the best part. Knowing you're all done and it turned out well is awesome. It was a fun class," said sophomore **Justin Caldwell**, left. "I thought the class was fun. I learned a lot and had a good time making cup holders," said sophomore **Chris Orr**.

English 9 Honors/Linn

"I liked English 9 Honors because the concepts we study and the stories we read were more challenging and really tested our knowledge." Freshman Robert Bruss "Newspaper/Visser
"Newspaper has been a very enjoyable
learning experience for me. It has
prepared me for my future and it not
only has taught me a great deal of
responsibility, but has forced me also
to see what the professional and
business world is really like."
Senior Kassi Van Wyk

Humanities/Bensink&Brass

"I liked taking the trip to Des Moines to the Jewish Synagogue, the Basilica, and the Greek Orthodox Church, My favorite part of the class is learning about the different religions of the world."

Junior Billi Ellingson

Biology/Pingel

"His class is easy, and the experiments rule. So far biology is a lot of fun." Sophomore April Harvey



<u>Humanities</u> Tiffany Pol, Cassie Boertje



Industrial Technology Matt Overbergen



Conceptual Physics Matt Lahvic



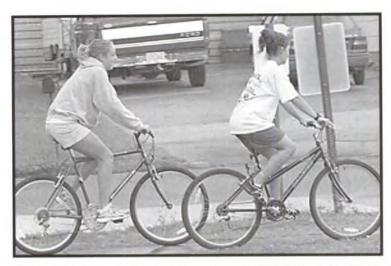
Newspaper Ashley Braun, Kristin Sytsma



English 9 Honors Jill Van Vark, April Stursma



Wednesday/ Academics

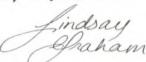


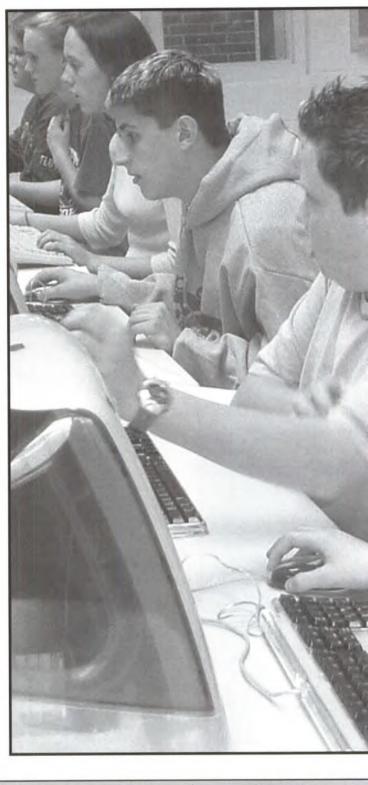
Personal Fitness students junior Heather Kraayenbrink and senior Ali Angel pedal hard on their 22-mile long bike ride that took approximately two hours to complete. "The most memorable part was when Lindsay's (Korver) tire hit Tracy's (Marlow) and Lindsay fell on me, causing a domino effect," said Kraayenbrink.

Freshmen Cody Butler and Ben McIntosh and senior Michal Nowak learn to type accent marks on Spanish words in the Mac lab. This enabled the Spanish I students to type papers in Spanish. "It was fun because I learned how to do something that I have never done before," said Butler.



J'adore le class de Français! (I love French class!) We have so much fun in that class, especially when we get to act stories out. It's a fun way to learn grammar and vocabulary. I decided to take French because I want to live in France at some point in my life. I can't wait to go on the French trip and use my language skills.





Ag 2/Williams

"I really enjoy FFA. This is only my first year, but I enjoy it. I plan to remain in FFA for a while. The field trips are fun." Sophomore Brian Boat

Spanish I/DiNardo

"Spanish I is one of the greatest classes
I am taking because it is my easiest.
One of the fun things we did was playing
games, like blurting out a Spanish word
when our teacher said an English word.
Because of Spanish, I am now trilingual,
and my future is looking better."

Freshman Bruno Orticelli

©Environmental Science/ Oppenhuizen

"The homework challenges our minds unlike any other class. Her method of teaching is very unique."

Freshman Andrew Bradley

Math II/VanVark

"Mr. VanVark is a fun teacher. We have a great time making fun of him and his mini-van and stealing suckers out of his drawer."

Sophomore Jordy Bloodsworth





Ag II Ashley Orr



Spanish I Lacey Pender, Alyssa Haman



Interior Design Chakong Vue, Jeremy Pridgen



Resource Aleshia Williams



Environmental Science Rachel Shaw, Kristen Wright



THURSDAY

French II•Math III•Resource•Ag II Evironmental Science•Interior Design Personal Fitness•Spanish I•Math II

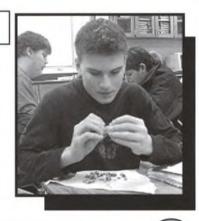


Ag II Students: Prepare to start your engines

Transforming a nonworking engine into one that runs was a project for Ag II students. "We took apart an engine for Ag II. After our group was done, we brought in our own engines and got them to work," said sophomore **Luke Sneller**, left. For some students who had done similar work in the past, the project was a simple task to complete. "It was easy to disassemble all the engines and put them back together because all the people in my group had worked on engines before," said sophomore **Jeremy Olsen**.

Not your average snack time experiment

Carrie Oppenhuizen's environmental science students explored the parts of chocolate chip cookies to learn more about the earth's fossil fuels. "The cookie represented the earth and the chocolate chips represented coal. We had to disect a cookie and use toothpicks to get the chocolate chips out. It was like mining for coal. We got to eat what was left of the cookie, but we noticed there wasn't much left. The purpose was that all the coal mining we do destructs the earth," said freshman Adam Zemanek, right.





Color coordination is key in interior design

Learning to decorate an entire house was a challenge for some students. "In interior design, we were required to decorate a whole house plan which we selected. For every room, we had to make a color board which consisted of a color scheme, furniture, accessories, wall and floor treatments. For our color boards, we cut pictures out of magazines, and if everything wasn't in proportion, we got docked points. For instance, someone in my class got points taken off for having a white toilet instead of beige," said sophomore Sarah VanWyk, left, with sophomore Hannah Smith.

Interior Design/Nelson

"The class is a lot of work, but I enjoy it because it helps you understand why your style contributes so much to how you decorate to how you live." Sophomore Michelle Dykstra

French II/Sand

"French class is very unpredictable.
Anything can happen on any given day
in second hour. The best part of the
class is the innovations that we write
and act out."

Sophomore Louis Vander Streek

Math III/Linn

"Mr. Linn's class is very challenging. You have to pay attention to get a good grade. It prepares you for a higher level of education, and it taught me a lot." Junior Sharilyne Hoekstra

Personal Fitness/Van Horn

"It was a good class because we messed around a lot. The only bad part was that we had tests every Friday." Junior Tyler Cowman



Math II Todd Schuring



French II Lindsay Graham, Emily Goodyk, David Trotter



Ag II Jeremy Olsen



Resource



Personal Fitness Stuart Steenbook



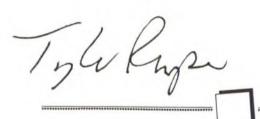


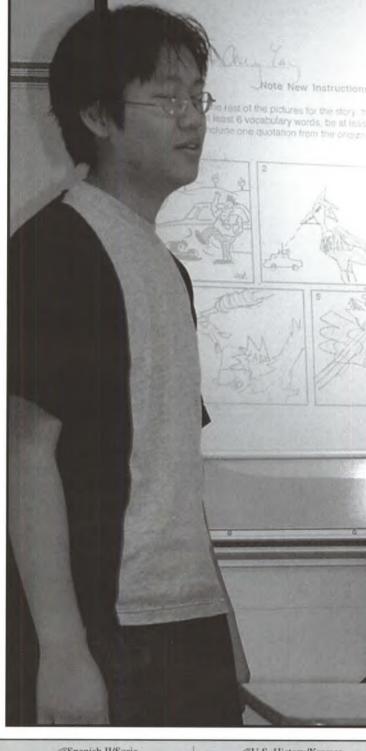
Senior Dustin Pierce measures his fabric dimensions for the boxers he is making during the sewing unit for independent living. "I've never really sewn before, so I was kind of lost. But, they turned out well," said Pierce. Other members of the class made pajamas, shirts, pants, shorts, pillows, hats, or gloves.

Sophomore Chung Yang practices individual storytelling in front of his Spanish II class. The assignment was to draw an original story and then share it with the class using past tense verbs. "I thought the presentations were fun and educating. They were a great way to learn," said



"I enjoyed participating in advanced writing. The basics of college writing were covered in the class, so I can attend a university and not feel like an idiot when I hand in my first paper. I can also cite resources like a pro."





2-D Visual/Emmert

"2-D Art is a fun and interesting class. We made business cards and mono prints. We also got a chance to be in the dark room and develop our own pictures."

Sophomore Jordy Bloodsworth

Study Hall/Bensink

"I loathe study halls with an intense passion. I think that all students with 'C' averages should get free periods except freshmen."

Sophomore David Trotter

@Spanish II/Soria

"... we learn a lot. We do a lot of activities and get a lot of homework. I took it because I thought it'd be helpful in the future if I need to talk to a Spanish person." Sophomore Jon Vermeer

U.S. History/Kramer

"Mr. Kramer's class is all right excep for all the notes we have to take." Freshman Nathan De Heer





English 10 Izaac Holt, Luke Rauch, Kellee VanHemert



Resource



3-D Visual



US History Kaleb Seelye, Josh Pommer



English 11 Ashley Sample





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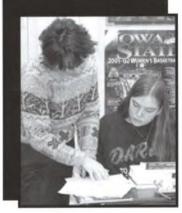
English students recreate "Our Town"

Aside from writing, reading, testing, and learning vocabulary, students in English 10 got the chance to do some acting. After reading through the play "Our Town" in class, they chose parts to portray to their classmates. Sophomores **Alison Van Hal** and **Amber Breuklander**, left, recreated a scene. **Breuklander**, playing the male role of a boy named George, discusses his future with girlfriend Emily (**Van Hal**). "It was a lot of fun to act out some of the play. Acting with Amber made the scene funny. It was awesome," said **Van Hal**.

3-D project gives students relaxation time

Under a plaster mold for his face, 3-D art student junior **Michael Trotter** patiently sits for 10 minutes. Students began by putting a lubricant on their face while classmates worked to set the mask. **Trotter**, right, enjoyed the project saying, "It was a very relaxing time because the chemical reaction in the plaster created heat. Since it was a warm, dark place, and it was first hour, I'm probably sleeping in the picture. I hope to use it every year on Fat Tuesday." After the masks dried, the class had the chance to design and paint them.





Resource classroom offers helping hand

Always there to help, teacher **April Gruver**, left, stands near freshman **Jennifer Wickett**. The resource room offered students help with their classes. Instructors assisted students with their tests, homework or any other class assignments. They also gave the students advice on future decisions. "The resource room offers me a better learning environment, and it helps me to meet new people," said **Wickett**. Another student - **Darren Kooistra**, junior - said, "It's really nice that she (**Gruver**) helps us with homework and tests."



"The class is very fun. Mrs. Linn is a nice teacher; however she makes us do too much writing."

Sophomore Dustin Browne

Advanced Writing/Chaplin

"I would give you a quote, but I am too busy writing my 12-page paper!" Senior Matt Pitkin English 11/Brass

"English 11 is an enjoyable class. We learn a lot about different American poets and story writers in the past. I've learned many things about many different authors."

Junior Amanda Chapman

Study Hall/Sample

"I have 13 study halls a week, so it's very easy for me to get my work done, but I often find myself talking with my friends or the people around me to pass the time. After all, 13 is a lot!" Sophomore Ashley Gritters



Resource



Spanish II Grace Marching, Megan Pothoven



English 10 Emma VanderWell, Emily Bensink



3-D Visual Victoria Cervellera



Spanish II Tyler Freeman, Joey Santiago



Rebruary

Valentine's Day gifts overcome lobby

Flowers, balloons and candy filled the lower lobby on Valentine's Day. To most,



Valentine's Day was a day to show how much they cared for someone, but to some, it was not as big of a deal.

"In my opinion, Valentine's Day is really dumb. It's a day where guys are expected to get the 'lady friends' something, and if they don't, the lady gets mad, which is ridiculous. The cookie I got was good, and I thanked

the person for giving it to me, but if I wouldn't have gotten anything, I wouldn't have been mad," said senior **Zac Van Wyk**, above.

For some this special day was a time where they could show their friends how much they cared for them.

"Katelyn (DePenning, junior) surprised a few of us with a rose. It was really nice to get something from a friend," said junior Billi Ellingson.

Freshman Jordan Williams agreed.

"Ilook forward to getting lots of valentines and candy from my friends. This year I spent the night at a friend's house the night before, which added to the fun of Valentine's Day," said Williams.

While others were with their friends, some spent the day with their significant other.

"This year I received flowers at school, candy at home and then I was brought out to eat at an expensive restaurant in Des Moines," said senior Allison Emerick.



Some students were against Valentine's Day altogether. "My friends and I got together to celebrate anti-Valentine's Day. We gave each other gifts," said sophomore Katie Collins.



✓I DON'T BELIEVE IT! Freshmen Allison Mansueto and Laura Mitchell take time during their lunch period to admire all of the flowers and balloons in the lower lobby on Valentine's Day. "I was surprised by how many balloons and flowers there were. There were a lot more than I expected," said Mitchell. As far as choosing what she would want from all of the flowers there, Mansueto said she liked "... the biggest bouquet of roses." Mansueto is also looking ahead to next year, "Next year, I'll tell my dad to send me some!" she said.



What was your best or worst Valentine's Day?



"The best Valentine's Day was probably when I was little when we got together with my family, and we would play games and such." Freshman Cassie Jones



"The best Valentine's Day was when my exboyfriend sent me six roses at school, then surprised me with six roses at my house." Junior Ashley Heisdorffer



"My best Valentine's Day was this past year when my boyfriend made supper. Then he told me to sit in a certain spot and I ended up sitting on my gift." Junior Jocelyn Davis "The worst Valentine's Day I ever had was last year. It wasn't because I didn't get anything, but because my boyfriend at the time broke up with me exactly one week after. I never saw it coming, so it made everything from the week before pointless." Sophomore Alison Van Hal



"... when I had a guy that would not leave me alone after I told him to and then he sent me a dozen roses. I felt really bad but he still kept following me around." Senior Laura Sopher



"Not having a sweetheart stinks because I want chocolate on Valentine's Day." Senior Dustin Pierce

Semi-formal follows game

Following the varity basketball game igainst Grinnell on Feb. 1, students atended the winter emi-formal. Prepaation time was limted due to the basetball game.

Starting off at a low pace, the dance began to pick up as nore people arrived. The music started oumping, and the fun egan.

"I had a good time at

vinter formal because I hadn't been at a dance or awhile, and my boyfriend from Knoxville ame!" said sophomore Jordy Bloodsworth.

Most students looked forward to the winter ormal because it was one of two dances (prom

was the other) where students could dress up and have fun.

"It was cool seeing everyone dressed up and having a good time," said junior Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, left with classmate Ashley Braun.



Freshman Kate Hamlin and junior Annie Carlson get down and funky at the Winter Formal.

 Anthony Facts *33 years at Pella High School; 4 at Guthrie Center

*Coached football and boys' track; led the track team to the state meet 31 times.

*Nomination said:

"Fred is a history buff for sure, and no one tells a better story about the world wars than he. His students remember the facts about the wars because of the approach he uses and the passion he has for the subject."

Anthony, Bandstra honored

History teacher Fred Anthony and retired science teacher Arvin Bandstra were inducted into the Pella Chamber of Commerce Education Hall of Fame Feb. 5.



Bandstra Facts

*11 years, Pella Middle School; 15 years, Pella High School

*Coached cross country and girls' track; led his teams to the state cross country meet 19 times.

*Nomination said: "Bandstra cares about the kids and the students appreciate him. He serves the community as a City Council member and has been a leader to students and community."



Seniors take their annual p.e. ski trip to Fun Valley, Montezuma

Top 5 Events 02.2002

Band students participate

in the Perry Band Slympics.

Sophomore Kyle Eastwood

"I did the solo, but I don't know

if I had any competition to go up

"It was a really fun day. I was kind of worried about going because I didn't want to break any bones. But everything went really well, and it was good practice for my big Colorado ski trip! I had a great day."

Senior Matt Vandevoort

Senior Ali Angel cuts a piece of the net after the girls' basketball substate win against Norwalk. The team advanced to the state tournament with the win.



Varsity girls' basketball defeat Norwalk to qualify for the state basketball tournament.

"We knew at halftime that the second half was going to be about who wanted it more, then Lindsay (Korver, junior) and Jena (Marlow, junior) stepped up with three's and the rest was history. To reach our goal of state in that intense of a game was indescribable.

Junior Tremaine Versteeg



Forty-five students were inducted inte National Honor Society.

"I appreciated what the speakers had to say, and I liked the candlelighting. I'm glad there is an organization that recognizes our accomplishments."

Sophomore Alison Corbett



JV Forté competed in the American Drill team Midwest Regionals at Southeast Polk.

"It was good competition, and I enjoyed the challenge. The other girls were nice, and we got along well. All in all, it was a good time.

Freshman Brianna Ybarrola



For the first time since 1972, a bowling team was ormed. It started shortly after students went bowling for P.E. Members of the team participated in two Saturday ournaments and received ratings. On Feb. 23, bowling eam members pulled away with a win and advanced to

Team members were seniors Ryan Redman, Matt Melhus, Brandyn Van Zante, and John Pao; juniors Jamie Stearns, Yoraidyl Pao, Joe Knight and Jaimie Fuller; sophomores Natasha Vander Weide and Brandy Vink; and freshmen Cory Lovan, Adam Zemanek, Nikita Romick and Alicia Thomas.

"I never thought bowling was so big until we went to tate, and it was packed with cheering people. We went in o have fun while every other team was there to win. I don't hink we ended up being strong competitors our first year. mprovement will be the goal for next year," said Knight.



✓ Listen Up! Freshman Cory Lovan, junior Joe Knight and freshman Adam Zemanek listen as boys' coach Tom Riggs gives instructions.

February

Seniors take day off to ski

Ninety-six seniors braved the not-so-mountainous slopes at Fun Valley in Montezuma on Feb. 1. For some students, including senior **Mike Richards**, the slopes proved to be a challenge.

"The first hour or so both the skis wanted to overlap and make me fall. Finally, I got on the hill and made it to the bottom and managed to stop by the sit down turn around," said **Richards**.

The trouble of some made the day even more humorous for those watching. The laughs were also a good booster for those embarrassed from falling.

"Thanks to all the people that cheered me on and laughed at me from the ski lift whenever I fell in the snow trying to snowboard.



✓TUBING THE HILL. Seniors Jenny Overbergen and Katie Van Dusseldorp pose after enjoying the ride down on tubes.

HE SAID

What is your favorite Olympic sport to watch?

"My favorite Olympic sport is the ski-jumping. It was awesome to see how far they jump and to watch other countries besides the U.S. crash."

Junior Adam Vande Voort

"Snowboarding half pipe. It's intense, high-flying action that's always different for each person. Plus the United States dominated the competition."

Sophomore Dustin DeHaan

"Olympic freestyle snowboarding is my favorite sport to watch because it is

cool to see all of the tricks each athlete can do." Freshman

Andy Versluys

SHE SAID

"I like bobsledding the most. It reminds me of Cool Runnings, and it makes me laugh." Sophomore Emily Goodyk

"My favorite Olympic sport is the women's figure skating. I like it because it's fun to watch and because the people skating make it look so easy."

Freshman Lacey Pender

"My favorite thing to watch in the Olympics is figure skating with pairs. I like how they do all different dances and waiting to see whose going to win!" Junior Katie Overbergen

"I like watching the Olympics because it's something that comes once-in-a-while. My favorite would probably have to be speed-skating because it's so cool to watch!"

Sophomore Mary Beth Jones



✓HAVIN' FUN. Senior guys smile for the camera after the 40-minutes bus ride to F Valley for the annual senior ski trip.

That was a very helpful motivation!" said senior Kathrin Aschbache

The day before the long-awaited trip, school was cancelled due to significant snowfall. All of this snow made the day perfect for snowbafights.

"I hung out with some guy friends, and we ended up having quite a fe snowball fights! We also really enjoyed watching people show off at wipe out a lot. We made some good memories that day!" said seni Sarah Way.

For some seniors this was their first time to ski. It was quite t learning experience.

"It was fun learning how to ski, but when I barely passed the bunn hill, I decided that tubing was the best plan for me," said senior **Melis Pierson**.

Being out in the cold all day opened the eyes of some who needed dress a little warmer.

"The ski trip was a very different experience. It was the first tir skiing for me. Who knows if I will try to ski again? If I do, the next tir I will remember to wear better socks," said senior **Amanda Vand Hart**.



✓ A NEW ADDITION. The new Pella windmill is starting to take shape. The complet windmill will be 135 feet tall, making it the tallest working windmill in the U.S. The t 50 feet of this huge windmill was actually built in Holland and then transported to Pel The total cost comes in at \$3.5 million. "The location is appropriate, and I think it w be a good tourist attraction. I'm glad that the money was donated because otherwise would be a waste of city money. The public bathrooms will be a plus, but we could ha also used parking," said Cathleen Dee, food service. The windmill is expected to ready for Tulip Time visitors.

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TALK IT UP. Business teacher Mary Dickinson talks to Gale Kirby (a former udent) during her last night ever of Parent-Teacher conferences. Dickinson ans to retire in the spring.

arent-Teacher Conferences give students break

The second round of Parent-Teacher conferences fell during the week Feb.18. For retiring teachers this was their last chance to mingle with e parents.

"It was pretty strange having the conferences knowing it would be the st ones. I have always enjoyed meeting the parents, and of course, any of the parents today are former students. It's neat to meet another eneration," said **Mary Dickinson**, business teacher.

Two days of the week were let out 60 minutes early, and there was no shool Friday. For the students, it was nice to have a break.

"I love it when school lets out because you have the whole day to burself without the stress of school. I also like doing things that I don't get to do often, such as go to Des Moines," said junior **Tyler Cowman**.

What is your opinion of P.E. bowling?



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"It is nice that we get out of class. Also, we don't have to change clothes."

Freshman Heather Dugger



↓ DOWNs→

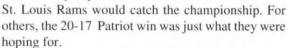
"Some things I don't like about bowling are that we have to hand score and the limited time we have to bowl."

Sophomore Mark Richards

TIMEOUT

Patriots win Super Bowl in close game

Super Bowl Sunday was a disappointment to some as they hoped the



"I stayed home with my family. We had a little party with lots of munchies. I was hoping the Rams would win because I like Kurt Warner, but overall I thought it was an interesting game," said sophomore **Stephanie Kindred**.

Staying home on Super Bowl Sunday isn't all that bad. In fact it made a great memory for some.

"My brothers and sisters and I talked my parents into letting us stay home from church to watch the game. We made it sound like a really good excuse. We made pizza and popcorn. I had lots of fun," said freshman **Tony Van Donselaar**.

Others went to people packed Super Bowl parties to watch the game.

I went to (freshman) **Sarah Stuckey's** house after church and made a lot of food for the upcoming party that was planned. I didn't watch all of the game because about 35-40 people showed up and I had to watch little kids. I'm glad that my team won," said sophomore **Lauretta Mc Cready**.

Having a large screen to watch the Patriots and Rams on made some parties a little more interesting. It also helped to ensure that viewers wouldn't miss a single play.

"We went out to a friends farm shed and watched the game on a huge projection screen. We also rode all over on scooters. It was a blast," said freshman **Alison Mason**.

Some students traveled to different towns to root for their favorite Super Bowl team.

"I went to Sully and picked apart the coaching strategies for both teams. I thought for sure when New England called the shotgun they were finished. Oops, I was wrong!" said senior Ashley Pavlat.

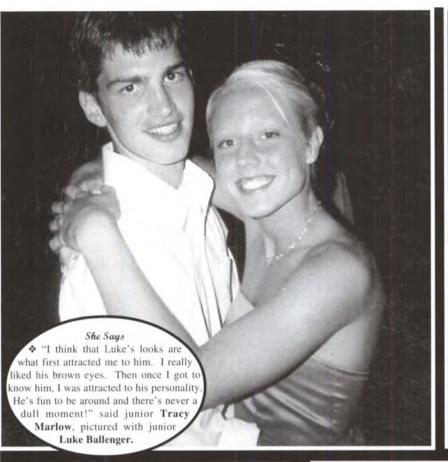
The football game isn't always what draws viewers to the television on Super Bowl Sunday. The commercials are the reason some chose to tune into the game. Sophomore **Joey Santiago** is one.

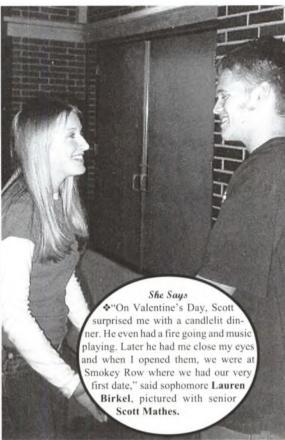
"I really didn't care who won the game. I was just there for the commercials," said **Santiago**.

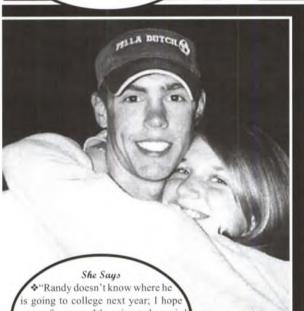
Faaaassssssst Fact

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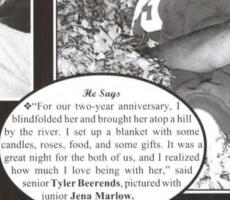








not too far away. It's going to be weird not seeing him at school next year. I'll sure miss him," said junior Amy Laug, pictured with senior Randy Ozinga.







Erica Knoll, David Van Wyk



Chelsea Freese, Zach Van Horn



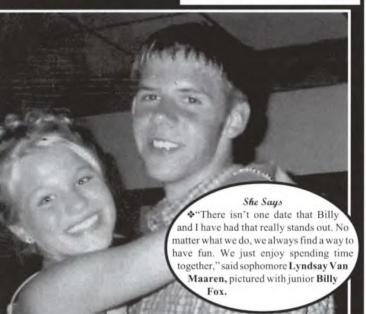
Matt Melhus, Brittany McCulla



Kelly Eysink, Nick Miller



"Over Christmas, Katie and I opened gifts and hung out with our families. Christmas was great. I got to spend a lot of time with her," said junior Aaron Bloodsworth, pictured with junior Katie Kniff. She Says "The sweetest thing Robbie has done was once when I was really stressed out, he sent me roses and wrote me a song on his guitar," said sophomore Katie Ozinga, pictured with sophomore Robbie Feeney he most embarrassing moment was ocelyn was first introducing me to her he did the traditional, 'Mom, this is Mike, e, this is my mom.' Then Jocelyn's mom You're joking right?' I was pretty much iless," said sophomore Mike Van sseldorp, pictured with junior Jocelyn Davis.





Relationships were a huge part differently - some as good friends

of most students' high school years, and many enjoyed having someone they could hang out with, share their common interests with, and confide in.

"(Junior) Michelle Westra and I talk a lot and spend as much time together as we can; I can talk to her about anything," said junior Oakley Klein.

Other students didn't think they needed to have a significant other. They enjoyed the single life, having fun on their own or with friends. Some students thought that

having someone in their life took up too much time. They didn't want to be tied down and make a commitment.

"I haven't noticed anyone that I'm completely interested in. If I find the right guy, then I'll go out with him," said junior Heather Lukens.

"The reason that I'm not dating anyone is because it costs too much money," said freshman David Bever.

Many relationships started out

but soon realizing they had a special connection.

"(Junior) Ashlev Braun and I met by hanging out together at friends' houses and through mutual friends. Her humor, fun, and outgoing personality persuaded me to switch on the 'A' game and ask her out," said senior Ryan Redman.

However these couples met, the first date could be very intimidating because a first impression could either make or break the relationship.

(Senior) Matt DeVries and I drove

around for a while and then rented a movie. I had a great time getting to know him and found out that he is a very sweet guy," said sophomore Lacey Beyer.

Couples may have spent their time together eating, going to the movies, shopping, or just spending time at each others' houses.

"(Senior) Carl Lovell and I are big movie people! We'll go rent a movie, and then just snack and 'vege' at my house," said junior Brittany LeMay.



"Matt (Redding) and I spend a lot of time together; we're together as much as possible." Freshman

Kelli Van Wyk







Austin Vander Linden, Katie Overbergen







Did You Know?

Pella teams have advanced to state 13 times.

♦WE ARE THE CHAMPS...

Members of the boys' team congratulate each other after their 61-53 victory over Sioux City Heelan in the 3A state championship. Junior Aaron Bloodsworth said, "Being in the championship game was an honor. The last few minutes of the game were such a relief because we knew we were about to become Class 3-A state champions,"



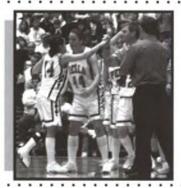
DRILL TEAM STATE

Eight Forté members performed as members of the All-Iowa Drill Team at the girls' tournament. "We worked long hours, but in the end our performance was worth it," said senior Alicia Broach.



♦PEP BAND

Twenty-four band students volunteered to play for pep band at state games. "State pep band was awesome. Being in pep band was a great way to represent school spirit and a great way to attend games," said junior Nick De Ruiter.



*DESPITE ODDS

The idea was both Coach Mike Vint's and senior Ali Angel's, and that was for Angel to go out onto the court and shoot despite a healing ACL. "The feeling was unexplainable when I made those three shots; it was truly awesome! My life dream came true! Anything could have happened, but in the end, everything went well," said Angel.



♦IN TOTAL SHOCK

Junior Heather Kraavenbrink was named to the all-tournament team but didn't believe it. "I felt pretty dumb for not believing and trusting my own instincts when I was called. I beat myself up for awhile, but started to realize that the honor was still there, even though the two seconds weren't," glory Kraayenbrink.





◆ AND THE CROWD GOES WILD...

The student section crupts during the final minutes of play at the boys' state finals. Mar devoted fans followed the boys' team along their journey to state, including Mike Va Weelden. At their celebration after winning the championship, the team acknowledge Van Weelden as their number one fan and gave him a signed basketball. "I neve expected anything like this. I mean, I'm just a fan, that's all. Right now the ball is in m room, but hopefully, I can put it in a case and keep it nice," said Van Weelden.











Melissa Pierson, Erica Knoll, Elisabeth Bru











Heather Kraavenbrink



Klayton Korver

ne Barn

Both girls' and boys' basketball teams earn trips to state tournament

With a 26-1 record, the boys' basketball team sailed into the history books with Pella High's first-ever state basketball championship. A 61-53 win over Sioux City Heelan on March 16 was the culmination of a dream many of the team had had since third grade.

Coach Mark Core said, "At the beginning of this season, I thought we had a good chance of being in the top teams in the end. They were willing to work hard and achieve as much as possible."

All five starters of this year's team will be returning next year.

The girls' team advanced to the semi-finals (furthest in the state tournament of any girls' team in school history) after a first round win over Washington, 65-46. They lost to eventual state champion Perry, 58-34.

Coach Mike Vint said, "I thought the year was great because we accomplished most of our goals for the season. We thought our team was capable of playing in the championship, but we fell one game short. We were a little disappointed, but we still had a great season."

The Road to State

Girls'Districts:

Pella 70, Centerville 41 Pella 64, Knoxville 36

Regionals:

Pella 49, Norwalk 41

State:

Pella 65, Washington 46

Perry 58, Pella, 34

*Heather Kraavenbrink, all-tournament

Boys' Districts:

Pella 71, Fairfield 36 Pella 59, Centerville 56

Sub-State:

Pella 67, Keokuk 46

State:

Pella 56, Grinnell 51

Pella 48, Oelwein 45

Pella 61, Sioux City-Heelan 53

♦ Going for the Steal...

Chasing down a Perry opponent during their semifinal game at state is sophomore Tara Sorensen. Sorensen and her teammates were defeated by Perry, 58-34. Perry went on to win the 3A state championship title.





Luke Ballenger

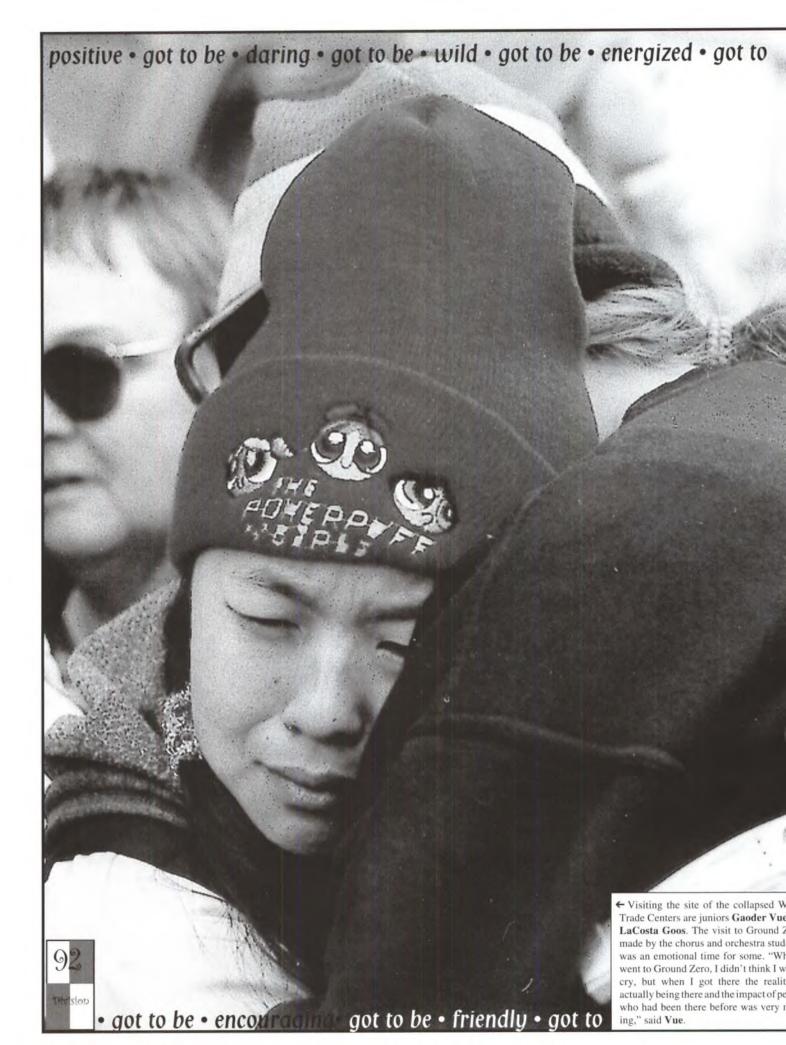


Heather Kraayenbrink, Julie Rietema











← Hanging up wall decorations for prom are juniors Zach Van Horn and Klayton Korver. Van Horn and Korver were just a few of the juniors who decorated on the evenings of April 10 and 11. "I had a lot of fun decorating for prom. All I did was hang things up and hold up stuff on the wall because I'm tall," said Korver. The theme chosen by the junior class was "Old Hollywood, a Night with the Stars". To go with the theme a star was made featuring the name of each senior.

→ Awaiting a Chariton opponent's serve is sophomore Nicole Verhey. Verhey and her teammates took on Chariton in a dual where the varsity won 9-0, and the junior varsity prevailed 14-10. "Our team looks very strong this year, and I think the freshmen are making strong contributions to the team," said



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Soaking in the spring sun

kept themselves busy during the spring

The final months of school with friends and family. rought competition, warming veather and celebration. Some ound it hard to concentrate durng the last quarter, but many filled heir days with sports, music and elping with school events.

Spring break began the final uarter. The chorus and orchesra traveled to New York City while many went on vacations

The spring sports of golf, tennis, soccer and track kept many athletes busy. The jazz band ended their competitive season with the state championships where they placed second.

Another outlet was planning for school events like prom, spring fling and graduation.

During Tulip Time, May 2, 3 and

4 students worked at stands, watched the parades and enjoyed time off from school.

From singing at Ground Zero

to preparing for graduation, students

Carnaby Club, May 17 and 18, was time-consuming for those students and staff members involved.

Whether Dutch dancing or hanging up decorations, students found ways to liven the last quarter.

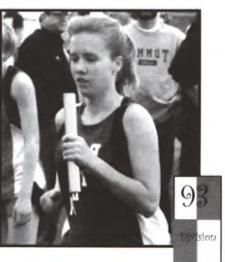
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←Playing his solo on the tenor saxophone during the state jazz band competition, held at the Civic Center in Des Moines, is sophomore Ryan Boswell. The jazz band placed second at the event falling short to Independence, "State jazz competition was a lot of fun and a good experience. All the practice hours payed off when we made it to the night show. It would have been great to get first place, especially for the seniors, but that is something we can shoot for next year," said Boswell. The competition was held April

→Freshman Megan Renaud runs in the 4 X 800 meter relay during the Lady Dutch Invite, held April 11. Renaud and her teammates placed third in the relay and fourth overall. "Even though we didn't have many girls go out this season, we have a tough team. As a team we've tried really hard," said Renaud.





March

Students make most of vacation in Big Apple

New York City was the destination for many students over spring break. The chorus and orchestra students spent 24 hours driving there, six days there and another 20 hours driving home. A group from Third Reformed Church also made the trip, but chose to fly.

"The bus ride was long and extremely uncomfortable. I was in much pain due to the position my body was forced to be in for 24 hours. I wanted to kill some of the people on my bus because all they did was complain," said senior Katie Sopher.

The chorus and orchestra students performed while

they were there, and the youth group did service-oriented projects. One project was making Easter baskets for the families who lost loved ones on Sept. 11.

"Making the baskets was an entertaining experience, a little tedious, but in the end it makes you feel good," said sophomore Matt Terlouw.

For most students the sites of the city were the main attractions of their trips.

"New York was an awesome experience ... just walking in the streets and looking at all the wonderful attractions made it really interesting. I found that some of the most amazing things in New York are the experiences you encounter, not the buildings or superstars," said junior Nicole Bever.

"I went to New York with my church (Third Reformed). I had lots of fun and got to see many sites. We went to Ground Zero and got to see the memorial lights, and the wall with all of the stuff in memory of those who died," said freshman Jackie Van Veldhuizen.



✓ CHEERS EVERYONE. Chorus members sit down to supper at Sal Anthony's in China Town. Before their meals came they all made a toast to life. "We had a lot of fun at Sal Anthony's even though it was really cold walking around China Town and Little Italy," said junior Daron Van Wyk.

What was your best/worst spring break trip?

"I stayed home over spring break. Since most of my friends were gone, it was pretty boring. I did get some work in though." - Junior Chris Shrout

"Spring break was pretty fun. I didn't go anywhere this year, but it was fun just hanging out and partying with friends." -Freshman Paige Mc Griff

"This spring break I went to Florida. I went with (freshman) Laura Mitchell and her mom. We spent every day at the beach and had a lot of fun. " - Freshman Chelsea Pelland

"One year I had to work every day from eleven to seven for the whole week of

spring break." - Junior Jon Van Ryswyk

"I had a ton of fun experiencing all th (NY) sites with my friends and just han ing out and having a good time." - Junio Megan Weiler

"Spring Break 2002 will forever be on of my best high school memories. I went down to Cancun, Mexico, with si of my friends, and we had an awesome time. Every day, and especially every night, was something different. There' nothing like going out to clubs till 5 a.m. and dancing the night away with no worries." - Senior Eric Salter

Students raise money for AHA

Over \$2,225 vas earned by 57 tudents who gave up half of their day March 15 to earn noney for the American Heart Association during Hoops/Jump Rope for Heart.

"I thought it was good experience be able to help cople with heart



isease and I'm suprised more people didn't do t. It was a fun afternoon and hopefully we elped a lot of people," said sophomore Danielle Brillhart, above.

The project has been ongoing since 1988 ere at Pella High. Participants received prizes

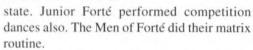


based on how much money they raised, including teeshirts, water bottles and even more extravagant gifts such as a CD player, a cooler, or a wristwatch alarm clock. "It was a good experience and I got to play for a good cause," said sophomore Chris Vos. left.

Forté dances the night away

The night had come for Forté to show everyone what they were really worth. Despite a snowstorm just waiting to hit the Midwest, the show came off without a problem on March 1.

Dances ranged from performances by the girls' moms, to showcasing the girls and their dads. They also performed the dances that won at



"It was an honor being the one and only Junior Forté. At the end, all the hard work paid off," said freshman **Brianna Garrard**, above.

"It was fun to be a part of the Men Drill Team. The stick fighting in the matrix dance was the best part," said senior **Mike Mitchell**.



It Out

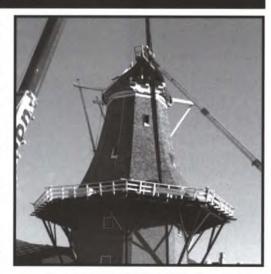
Hundreds of spectators were on hand March 7 as the cap of Pella's 135-foot working indmill was placed.

Roads were blocked off, and spectators lined the streets with lawn chairs and blankets. Stuents from elementary and middle schools ent uptown to see the project put together.

"I think the windmill will help tourism and take Tulip time a lot bigger than it is now," aid junior **Anthony Lopez**.

"It's something unique that many other towns an't say they have," said junior **Heather** raayenbrink.

LAST PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. Workers raise the cap the windmill March 27.



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Some students worked during spring break, but a different kind of work.

"I went on a service trip with my church (Third Reformed), so we worked during the day and did most of our sight-seeing at night. We made Easter baskets for the families who lost someone on Sept. 11, 2001, and helped with other things our church assigned us to do. We went to Ground Zero which was a sad place to see, but a meaningful experience."

- Junior Amber Seekamp



Junior Forté became an addition to the already-successful Forté program, along with the Men of Forté.

"The best part of Forté was that I was on a small squad with a lot of cool girls and an excellent coach. We got really close throughout the year and made a lot of memories."

- Sophomore Jenny Veenstra



Despite the cold weather, students still had an Easter egg hunt on Easter Day.

"My family and I go over to my Grandma May's house and the little kids all have a huge Easter egg hunt in her back yard. Then we sit around and play cards for the rest of the afternoon."

- Sophomore Loni May



Both girls' and boys' basketball teams qualified for the state tournament for the second year in a row.

"It was a lot of fun driving up to the 'Barn,' and making shirts with all my friends."

- Sophomore Erin Sokol



Another great time for students who went some where over Spring Break.

"Spring break of my senior year was the best time of my life. I went to Cancun, Mexico, with six of my friends. I will never forget the good times I shared with them,"

-Senior Matt Melhus



Merch

March

Spring break brings many memories for students

Students kept themselves busy over spring break -March 18-22- by traveling, working and hanging out with friends.

Seventy-two orchestra and chorus students went to New York City. They went to Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty and many other places.



Sophomore Stephanie Kindred gets a kiss from a dolphin in Cancun. "I went parasailing, snorkling, swam with dolphins, and went on an eco-tour," said Kindred.

"The best part of the New York trip for me was hanging out with my friends and going places like Times Square and the Empire State Building," said junior Jason Renaud.

Freshman Ashley Roorda went to Cancun during her break.

"I went with (freshman) April Stursma, (sophomore) Ryan Salter and 10 senior guys. It was the best trip of my life by far! The days were a blast and the nightlife was awesome!" said Roorda.

Sophomore Stephanie Kindred also went to Cancun.

"I went parasailing, snorkling, swam with dolphins and went on an eco-tour. I had so much fun and was disappointed when I had to come back to Pella," said Kindred.

Junior Heather Kraayenbrink went on her last family vacation before her sister got married. Her family went to Alabama.

"This was my family's last spring break before my sister got married, so it was fun to spend time together. The weather was really nice, and we just laid on the beach and relaxed as much as possible before going back to the reality of school and planning," said Kraavenbrink.

Junior Billy Fox went to Osage Beach with some of his friends for a couple of days.

"It was cool chillin' with my friends. We played putt-putt golf and my team won!" said Fox.

Many other students stayed in Iowa for their break. They found ways to keep themselves busy.

"I just stayed in town. It got boring having nothing to do since most of my friends were gone," said junior Andrew Reeder.

Some students kept busy by working.

Sophomore Kelly Eysink said, "During break I stayed in town and



Junior Heather Kraayenbrink, right, a her mom go boogie boarding in the water Alabama over break.

worked at Fareway. I also hur out with my friends that were town."

Others have plans for next year "Next year I'll be in South Pad Island," said sophomore Man Richards.

The pop group 'NSync performed' Hilton Coliseum on March 27. "Laur (Birkel, sophomore) and I had 10th re tickets. Once the concert started we wi able to get first row by a walkway. T really listen to their music and we we even able to touch the band member said sophomore Jordy Bloodsworth, p tured left with Birkel.



concert was exciting even though we do

SHE SAID

"New York was interesting, fun and our tour guide was great."

Andrea Brobst

"The best part was experiencing the city, walking in the streets and looking up at all the wonderful sites. Ground zero was an amazing feeling, almost indescribable."

> Junior Nicole Beyer

"We all had a great time. It was so much fun shopping, and just walking in Times Square. Even the bus ride was fun, but it got old fast!"

Sophomore Emma Vander Well



NSync member JC Chasez, left, tal a break from singing to touch the hands screaming fans. Approximately 14,0 people attended the concert in Ames whi promoted the band's latest album, "Cele rity." Sophomore Annie Terlouw w tickets from Von Maur for the conce "When I won the tickets I was really of cited. I won front row tickets and sou check passes for before the show. At sound check 'NSync sang us two sor and let us ask them any questions," sa Terlouw.

like about the New York trip?

What did you

HE SAID

"Besides having to spend a total of 44 hours packed like sardines in a little seat and getting sick when I got home, it was great!"

> Sophomore **Darvin Graham**

"I loved that there were so many different people and cultures doing their own thing. It was exciting walking down the streets.'

> Junior Michael Trotter



Fanmania

"I'm your number one fan!" This phrase may have been heard many times as students showed their school spirit by decorating shirts, wearing green and white and even wooden shoes. "Being there watching Pella make it happen is something I will not forget - the boys ending an almost perfect season, and the girls going strong till the end - showing the rest of Iowa it has got to be the wooden shoes," said sophomore Tony Torres (above left) with sophomore Caleb Seelve. Friends made many memories during the State weeks. Senior Melissa Pierson said, "My friends and I had a memorable time making shirts ... and making memories at the games that will last a lifetime."

No school on Good Friday 03.29.02

"Ithought that not having school was great! My family went to church in the morning and then afterwards played games."

Freshman





"I wish we had school because I didn't do anything. If I was at school I would have been able to see my friends."

Sophomore

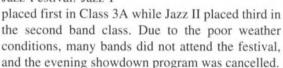
Brenda Roose





Jazz. bands receive awards at Hoover

On a windy, wintery March 2, the jazz bands attended the Hoover High School Jazz Festival. Jazz I



Students receiving outstanding performance awards included seniors Jonathan Whalley (tenor saxophone), above, Ryan Redman (drum set), juniors Chris Boeyink (trombone), Tiffany Pol (guitar) and

the trombone section.

Boeyink said, "I am really pleased with how this season has gone. We played lots of songs, won some contests and had a lot of fun. This is probably the best band that I have played with."

Jazz I students selected for the All-Festival Jazz Band included Boevink, sophomore Jasen Dahm (trumpet), junior Sarah Gilpin (alto saxophone), Pol and senior Hilary Pearson (piano).

"Being selected for the Hoover All State Jazz Band was a big surprise. Last year they only selected the people from our band that had solos, so when they said my name, I thought they had made a mistake. It would have meant more to me if all the good bands that usually come to Hoover had shown up," said Dahm.

Jazz II placed third in the second band class. Outstanding awards were given to junior Daron Van Wyk (alto saxophone), freshman Josiah Carter (trumpet) and sophomore Emily Goodyk (tenor saxophone).

"I love playing in jazz band. We have had some good competition this year," said Goodyk.

Jazz III also performed at the Hoover Jazz Festival. Outstanding performance awards were given to sophomore Alexis Baugh (tenor saxophone), senior Kevin Ulmer (trombone), juniors Katelyn De Penning (bass) and Dan DeHaan (drum set).

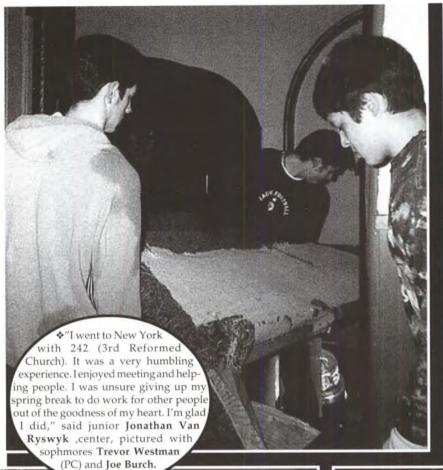
"Even though the weather caused a lot of bands not to come, I feel Pella did well because of all the practice we had, and we all had a really great time," said Baugh.

Faaaasssssst Fact

Senator Charles Grassley spoke to the government classes March 28." I feel it is important to come and talk to the students because I feel that the government book doesn't cover enough information. The more interaction that younger people have the more they will be informed," said Grassley.







◆Spring break offered a chance for junior Kayla Kafka to return home to Oklahoma. "Spring break was awesome. I went back to Oklahoma City, where I lived until last year, and stayed with my friends. My friend Maggie and love to ride horses, so we decided to go out on a nice day to do it. My birthday was also

> over break, and my friends went all out for me. We were constantly out, and we got next-to-no sleep," said

Kafka.

*Freshmen Stacey De Joode and Brianna Ybarrola vacationed on an island off the coast of Louisiana. While we were swimming at the beach, we saw a shark. So, we ran out of the water and stayed out the rest of the day," said De Joode.

The trio of senior Jenn Freeman, junior Katelyn De Penning, and senior Darci Pleima shared some spring break time in Arizona. De Penning was visiting her grandparents while Freeman and Pleima were guests of Pleima's grandparents. "My family and I went to a Chicago Cubs spring training game. We also spent a day driving the Apache Trail. That was probably the coolest thing we did, the view was spectacular," said DePenning.





more girls, Michael Trotter

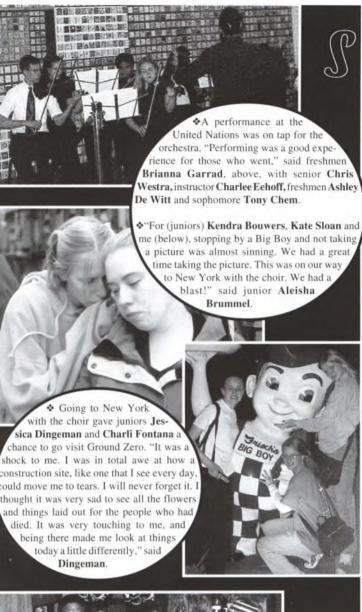








Michelle Rooney, Sharilyne Hoekstra, Lindsay Korver



Living the night life in Cancun was an experience that won't be forgotten for seniors Austin VanderLinden, Tate Stursma, Randy Ozinga, Jaysen Lopez, Dan Goodyk, and Matt Melhus, "Cancun was a great way to get away from it all ... clubbing the night away ... until 2-5 in the morning. Due to my Spanish skills, I was able to get us out of many run-ins with the police and 200 pesos," said

pring Break...letting yourself go

Students enjoy break from all across the world

Warm tropical climates and snow-capped mountains wel-

comed students from Pella during their spring break. While most students vacationed with their families, some students had a unique experience with their friends.

Seniors Lindsay Hill and Jacinda Bouwers went with Hill's family across the ocean to Europe to experience the historical atmosphere; they also had some personal fun there.

Bouwers said, "Going to London was a dream come true. The whole trip was basically a huge race to see how much

we could get done. The main reason I wanted to go though was so I could see my boyfriend, David."

For some, going with their family and another family friend was a fun experience.

Freshmen Erika Engelbrecht's and Rvan Bettger's families went on a cruise together.

Engelbrecht said, "I thought it was a lot of fun to see a variety of different places, and it was nice to have people along that I knew."

Many students were in New York City over break. The choir, orchestra and a church group were in the Big Apple.

> Junior Heather Lukens said, "I thought the Empire State Building was really cool. It actually took longer to wait in line than to get up to the top, but when we got up there, it was very beautiful to see all the lights."

Sometimes all that was needed for a good time was an imagination.

For seniors Ryan Hulleman, Scott DePrenger, Zac Van Wyk and Lance Roorda. some gas money and the family van took them to their destination.

Hulleman said, "During break we loaded into the Van Wyk van and drove to Kill Devil Hills, N.C. The trip was made complete by Play Station 2 and karaoke. The 20-hour trip was fun despite the constant complaints of the bitter Polishman."

Although the warm weather and time away from Pella seemed nice to some, others chose or had to stay in town over break.

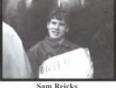
"Over spring break I stayed in town sleeping and hung around with what few friends were left," said sophomore Louis Vander Streek.



*"Going with Lindsay Hill, (above), to London was a dream come true." Senior Jacinda Bouwers



Freshmen, Junior girls





Third Reformed Church group



Vanessa, Stephanie Kindred





Did You Know?

- The favorite sport of famous actors/musicians George Clooney, Justin Timberlake and Will Smith is basketball.
- knitting; she even teaches people behind the scenes how to knit.
- * Halle Berry's favorite subject in school was journalism.
- Britney Spears' favorite place to hang out is at home with her fam-

*TICKLING THE IVORIES

Seniors Dan Goodyk and Ryan Redman groove to the music after school at Smokey Row. "I like going to Smokey Row because it's a fun place to hang out, and I can play the piano for Dan," said Redman.



*DRAWING MODELS

Sophomores Luke Rauch and Andy Oldridge draw a posing model in art. "It's kind of hard to draw them because they move," said Rauch. Art classes were ranked as the favorite classes for students.



CRACKING JOKES

Sophomores Ryan Boswell, Dan George and Sam Reicks tell jokes during their study hall to make time go by more quickly. Humor was voted the favorite personality trait.



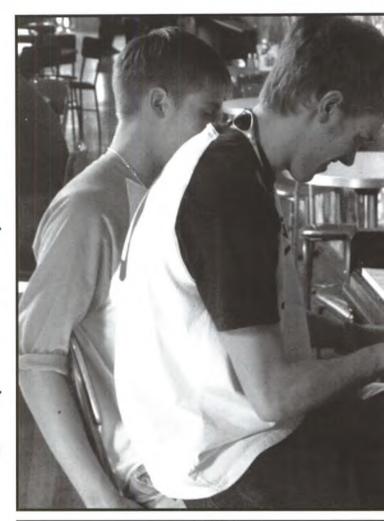
+STRIKE A POSE

Sophomores Matt Goodyk, Stephen Meyer and Joe Burch display their favorite brands. Old Navy tied with American Eagle as the students' top choice to wear.



◆FOOTBALL FRENZY

Seniors Katie Sopher, Katie Roorda, Jenny Overbergen and Jennifer Spoelstra play football in front of the school on a warm afternoon during their study hall. Students said football was their favorite sport to play.



Favorites Fever

☆Favorite place to hang out?

43%-Friend's House 31%-Smokey Row

☆Favorite brand of clothing?

20%-Old Navy 20%-American Eagle

☆Favorite class?

19%-Art 17%-English

☆Favorite sport to play?

20%-Basketball 25%-Football

☆Favorite personality trait?

40%-Funny 24%-Nice

☆Most popular place to go on weekends?

43%-Des Moines 22%-Staying in town

☆Favorite television channel?

19%-Fox 16%-NBC

187 students, grades 9-12, completed the survey







Megan Laughlin















Seniors & their "babies"



Izaac Holt. Kyle Eastwood

Students show interests in unusual, yet adored, favorites

Everyone has his/her favorites, whether it be food or a teacher. However, some students have some unusual favorites, such as their favorite school lunch foods.

"Everyday I get ham and cheese with Doritos with either a water or an orange juice, so that would have to be my favorite," said sophomore Alison Van Hal.

Some students don't have a favorite animal; instead, they have a favorite imaginary creature.

"Griffins are my favorite imaginary animal because when a griffin is near, you can't tell a lie," said sophomore Maria Goodman.

Imaginary creatures aren't the only kinds of animals students like.

"Wolves are my favorite animal because they hunt in packs and are social animals like dogs," said sophomore Megan Pothoven.

One senior stressed interest in a very unlikely favorite.

"My favorite thing is my big toe because it is always there when I

need it and is always willing to listen to my problems," said senior Ashley Pavlat.

Some students travel often enough to have a favorite country, other than the United States.

"Australia is my favorite country because it has a decent climate, and the people are friendly," said junior Mike Alft.

As far as television shows go, students have their preferences there, too. Some prefer comical television shows.

"My favorite TV show is 'Sponge Bob Square Pants' because he is the coolest and has the funniest sayings," said senior Matt Pitkin.

Reality TV shows have become very popular in recent years due to hits like 'Survivor'.

Sophomore Dan George said, " 'Survivor' is my favorite reality TV show because I like watching dumb people go out into the wilderness."

◆FUN BEFORE THE GAME

Junior Billi Ellingson models funky sunglasses and jokes around with friends as the girls' basketball team rides to Des Moines for their first round game in

the state tournament against Washington. Being funny was voted as the number one personality trait.













Forté holds 2003 auditions



Freshman Ashley Roorda

Aspiring to be Forté members, 49 girls attended auditions for the 2002-2003 school vear.

This year's success was one of the reasons jun-Annie Carlson tried out. "I wanted to tryout because it's

such a rewarding and challenging experience. There's nothing quite like the feeling of being on a winning team," said Carlson.

To prepare for tryout night, the girls had the option to attend a clinic and three nights of rehearsals.

"During study hall, I practiced in the band hall with some friends. Some of the girls were already in Forté, and they told me what I could do to make myself better," said sophomore Blair Verhoef.

Freshman Lacey Pender tried out despite feeling under the weather.

"I wasn't that nervous, but I did have a temperature of 101, so I wasn't feeling the best," said Pender.

Most of the girls went into tryout night confident about the routine.

"I thought we all knew the routine and performed to the best of our ability. I was relieved when the list was posted, and I saw I made it," said sophomore Sophie Linn.

Green Squad: Naina Barnett, Ashley Braun, Annie Carlson, Jessica Dingeman, Kelly Eysink, Emily Filer, Courtney Fleenor, Lindsay Graham, Kyrsten Klein, Sophie Linn, Megan McCombs, Chelsea Pelland, Ashley Roorda, Sara Steenhoek, Suzie • Steenhoek, Annie TerLouw.

White Squad: Megan Bender, Katelyn Dingeman, Erika Engelbracht, Brianna Garrard, Sara Langham, Kayla Lewis, Laura Mitchell, Lacey

Pender, Heather Ross, Liesel Schroder, Laurel Van Dusseldorp, Jenny Veentra, Brianna Ybarrola, Alysa Haman, Luisa Orticelli, Blair Verhoef, Ashley Doorman, Erika TerLouw.



CATCHIN' SOME RAYS. Seniors Melissa Pierson and Megan Laughlin take advantage of a nice day to work on homework and to relax in sun outside the front of the school. Temperatures outside that I wanted to study outside and eatch some sun rays," said Pierson.

April Fool's!!!

out of the room to say 'April Fool's!"" -Senior Steve Beaver

"Last year I changed the ignition switch in graduate Rachel Madden's car, so when she tried to start it, it wouldn't work. She got very upset, so I drove her home and fixed the ignition for her."

-Junior Michael Trotter

"I told my girlfriend that I was going to play a really bad trick on her during the night, but I ended up not doing anything. The next day she told me she stayed up worrying." -Sophomore Joe Burch

"During the school day I told a bunch of people "Jenny (Veenstra, sophomore) cursed me when their lights were on. I waited till to their lights were on. I waited till they were almost we were talking about ways to get me out of going out of the room to say 'April Feel' were almost we were talking about ways to get me out of going we were talking about ways to get me out of going out of the room to say 'April Feel' were almost we were talking about ways foot that night at tennis to prom. I fractured my foot that night at tennis

-Sophomore Michelle Dykstra

"One of my female friends came over after school and needed to take a shower. She left the door unlocked, so I retrieved all her clothing. She was stuck in the bathroom for a really long time." Senior Jaysen Lopez

"I put plastic wrap over a toilet seat once. I'm not sure if anyone fell for it, but it was still funny." -Freshman Brianna Garrard



Marching Dutch get official invite



It became official April 18 when Tournament of Roses Parade President **Gary Thomas**, left, visited Pella to extend the Marching Dutch's invitation to march in

ne 2003 event in California.

Drum major **Ashley Braun**, a junior, was rivileged to attend a dinner held especially for homas and his wife.

"It was an honor to meet him and his wife. He was a very enjoyable person, and it was easy to ee that he really enjoyed his job and cared bout the bands," said **Braun**.

Junior Kayla Kafka viewed the invitation nthusiastically.

"It's really exciting. So few high schools ctually get the chance to do it," said **Kafka**. Sophomore **Joey Groenenboom** said he's poking forward to the trip.

"I'm excited to be accepted. I do believe that is an honor to be accepted to go This will e an occasion to remember, but we must also emember that it is work that has taken us thus ar, and the same will take us further," said Groenenboom.



WOW! Band
Directors
D i c k
Redman and
Steve Mc
Combs displaythe Tournament of
Roses flag.

Vint named coach of the year

After leading the Pella High girls' basketball team to the state tournament, Mike Vint, right, was named 3A District Basketball Coach of the Year.

"This award reflects the success of the team and coaches. I'm honored because this award was voted on by coaches. Usually, when



teams are good, the awards are scattered around. We had a lot of players get awards. This is a product of good players," said **Vint**.

Junior Tracy Marlow thought the award was well-deserved after this year's season.

"Coach Vint is an excellent coach. He really put a lot of time and effort into our season and has earned this recognition," said Marlow.

Vint's players not only admire him as a coach, but as a person, too.

"Coach Vint does so many things to help our team prepare, compete, and work together. He sets a great example for us. But best of all, besides being an awesome coach, he's fun to be around. All the jokes, stories, and quotes he has told us are things that we'll always remember," said junior Tremaine Versteeg.

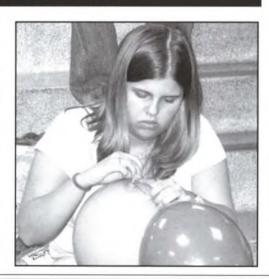
Vint has taught at Pella High since 1978. He also coaches girls' golf.

It Out

After months of planning, students on the rom committee put their ideas into the making. Students and parents arrived at seven each ight, ready to decorate for the big night later nat week. About 15 parent planners and seven tudent planners were involved. This year, the ommittee spent around \$3,500 on supplies nd decorations.

Despite the stress, students still had a good me. "The fact that the trees kept falling apart as somewhat stressful, but I thought ecorating was a lot of fun. It was a great time verall," said junior Cassie Boertje.

Junior Cassie Boertje inflates and ties balloons while ecorating for prom. The balloons were used for the trees the lower lobby.



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Daylight savings time went into effect April 7, springing the clocks forward one hour.

"It sucks because we all lose an hour of sleep, but it's good because it stays light out later so you can stay out."

- Freshman Brianna Ybarrola



The high school spring concert took place April 18.

"I was really nervous at first, but singing in the choir and playing with the band and orchestra was really fun."

- Sophomore Toney Chem



Pella placed second place at the lowa Jazz Championships.

"We had a great time at championships, especially when we played at the Civic Center at night. We would have liked to beat Independence, but being in the top two was a big accomplishment."

- Junior Billi Ellingson



Spring sports including golf, tennis, soccer and track started.

"I'm in tennis and soccer, and I'm happy that they're starting, but I'll be really busy. I'm really looking forward to the seasons, and I hope the weather will be better than last year."

- Freshman Lindsy Blair



Sophomore Todd Schuring



The junior-senior prom themed "SId Hollywood... A Night Sut With the Stars" took place on April 12.

"I thought that the juniors did a great job at prom. I think that there was more stuff needed at after prom."

- Senior Jacob Ahee



April

Athletes qualify for Drake Relays

Six athletes qualified for the Drake Relays held April 26-27 in Des Moines on the Drake University campus. Those participating from the boys' track team were juniors Vance Schuring and Ryan TerLouw, seniors Tyler Beerends, Jon Landon and David Van Wyk. Junior Tracy Marlow participated for the girls' track team.

Despite the rainy weather, **Schuring**, **Beerends**, **Landon** and **Van Wyk** ran the 4 x 100 relay, placing fourth in their heat. Their time was 45.62.

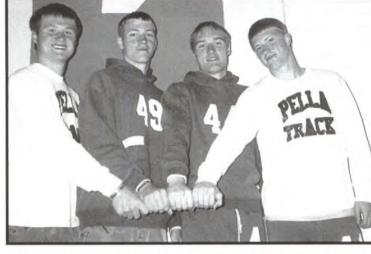
"It was very cold and pouring down rain, so I felt that we didn't perform to our full potential. Our time was a lot slower than it should have been, but we still finished near the top of all the teams," said **Beerends**.

TerLouw ran the 1600-meter run in 4:23.20, breaking his own school record set earlier in the year, and placing third. The Drake time ranked him second on the state qualification list in Class 3A.

"I was so thrilled to have made it that far; the crowd was awesome, and I was so happy that I did as well as I did," said **TerLouw**.

Marlow competed in the long jump and the 100-meter dash. She placed 13th in the long jump, but did not qualify for the next heat in the 100-meter dash.

"The Drake Relays were a great experience. Even though I didn't



ALL-4-ONE. Junior Vance Schuring and seniors Tyler Beerends, Jon Landon an David Van Wyk hold their baton for luck before running the 4x100 relay race at the Drake Relays. "The weather played a big factor, so we didn't feel like running, so our time came out to be what our attitude was," said Van Wyk.

do as well as I would have liked to, I still had a lot of fun competing. There were a lot of good athletes running and jumping, and I was glatto have had to chance to go and compete up against some of the best the state," said Marlow.

Coaches said the experience was very rewarding for the athletes.

"To an Iowa track man, this is the pinnacle of your high school careed Many people feel this exceeds the state meet. It is highly motivating said boys' track coach **Fred Anthony**.

What are your feelings about swimming in p.e.?

HE SAID

"It didn't really bother me because we didn't do anything. I hate the people that complain yet go swimming all summer."

> Senior Jacob Ahee

"Swimming was a joyous occasion for one to be involved in, despite the views that others express. I found it thrilling, and recondite momentous.
These aquatic activities

Sophomore Matt TerLouw

should be shared

with the world."

SHE SAID

"Swimming was an interesting change from what we usually did! I just didn't like getting ready so fast and having to walk back to the school."

> Sophomore Danielle Brillhart

"I didn't see the point. They said it was for fun, but no one really had fun."

Freshman

Allison Mansueto

"I think we should have swimming in elementary to learn how to swim, but it's not necessary in high school."

Junior

Jaimy Van Donselaar

WELCOME. Many students took notice of the new banners hanging in the senior parking lot. The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) donated the banners to "... make the school more of a welcoming place," said Assistant Principal Eric Nelson.

"The PTO hung the banners around the school because they wanted it to feel more like a part of the town; they plan on doing this for awhile," said Nelson.

"It was nice of the PTO to donate the banners to make our normally bare parking lot look better," said sophomore Louis Vander Streek.

Right, seniors Katie Van Dusseldorp and Melissa Pierson go to extremes (using senior Holli Hill's vehicle) to point out the banners.





Taking the cut. Ten girls were chosen as members of cheer squads for next year. Junior ate Sloan, above, was named captain for the football squad.

Cheerleaders make the cut

Tryouts were held April 24 for the 2002-2003 football and basketball heer squads. New coaches for next year include Central students Deann King (head coach) and Amanda Larsen.

Juniors Katie Kniff (captain), Aleisha Brummel, Lindsay Mc Farland, Nicole Beyer, freshman Allison Mason and eighth grader Michelle Mitchell were named for the basketball squad next year.

Juniors Kate Sloan (captain) and Sarah Vos. sophomore Jenny eenstra, freshman Heather Dugger-Fryman and eighth grader Michelle Mitchell were selected for the football squad.

ACT Test 04.06.02

"I think I did really well on the ACTs. I took them before, so I knew what to expect, but some parts were pretty difficult."

> Sophomore Emma VanderWell



"When I left the room I felt really smart, but then I became depressed when I got my scores back."

> Junior Chris Boeyink



dent.



Jazz I claims second place

After advancing to the evening program of the Iowa Band Jazz Championships on April 10, Jazz I finished second

behind Independence in the finals.

"It was such an honor to play at the Championships. We worked hard this year to be the best we could be, and we had to go through a lot of tough competition. I think we played the best we ever have that night, so it was a very successful year," said sophomore Jon Ver Meer.

Being one of the top jazz bands in the state was an honor for the whole band, but was especially exciting for the seniors this year.

"The championships were really exciting this year, because it was my senior year and we knew we had a band that could hold up against tough competition," said senior Hillary Pearson.

For some members like sophomore Kellee Van Hemert, above, this was their first year as a Jazz I member.

"Jazz Championship was an exhilarating and new experience for me. We were able to hold up against some really tough competition and prove ourselves worthy. The whole band was so motivated because we wanted to do well for the seniors," said Van Hemert.

Dick Redman, director, was proud of the band and felt they were well-received.

"I think the jazz band did an excellent job, and the audience really seemed to enjoy them. They responded really well by giving the band a standing ovation that they undoubtedly deserved," said Redman.

Faaaassssssst Fact

Linda Fishman talked to humanities and history classes on April 25 about what she endured during her time in the concentration camps during World War II. She told stories of her family, friends and the people she met along the way. **Fishman** is a Des Moines resi-





Did You Know?

Instead of the traditional slide show in the auditorium after the dance, the junior class set up a theater-like atmosphere in the upper lobby. The slides were shown repeatedly throughout the evening. A feature of the slide show included a flashback of the seniors' school pictures from eighth grade.

+YOU GO GIRL!

Seniors Zac Van Wyk, Scott Mathes, Josh Printz, Matt Melhus and Lance Roorda participate in a competitive cheerleading contest while being hypnotized. The guys were told that they were girls, and if they won the contest, their prize would be a date with Brad Pitt.



+BET'S ON!

Seniors Scott De Prenger and Matt De Vries and junior Leta Hanson participate in a competitive game of roulette during after prom. "After prom was entertaining; however I missed half of the hypnotist because I was hypnotized in the bleachers. What a feeling!" said De Vries.



◆GETTING A MOUTHFUL

Senior Ashley Pavlat takes a big bite of her chocolate milkshake while dining at Stella's in Des Moines. "We drove a 1957 Bel-Air to Stella's where I had a grilled cheese sandwich to eat. It was inexpensive as well as delicious!" said Pavlat.



*****MESMORIZED

Seniors Katie Van Dusseldorp, Scott Mathes, Kristin Wares and Lance Roorda experience a subconscious rollercoaster ride while under hypnosis. "Being hypnotized was a fun experience except for having all of my friends telling me later how stupid I was acting!" said Wares.



◆TAKING A BREAK

Juniors Britney LeMay, Amber Seekamp and Kate Sloan take a break from dancing to visit with each other and enjoy the punch.





+BUST A MOVE

Senior **Ryan Redman** busts a move on the dance floor during prom. "I had a great time at prom this year. Once I got there I just had to get my groove on in my tux!" said Redman. He a tended the event with junior Ashle Braun.





Tara Sorensen, Nick Mulder



Hillary Recker



Michael Trotter



Paul Davidson, Amanda Chapman



Gina Boles, Chelsea Van Gor







Thomas DeKoning, Jessica Dingeman



Ali Angel, Brody Mead



Dan Goodyk, Allison Roush, Josh Printz

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"A Night with the Stars" creates an unforgettable night of dancing and spending time with friends

Eating great food, riding in limos and dressing to kill were all a part of the juniors' and seniors' night spent at the 2002 prom. The theme was "Old Hollywood, A Night with the Stars," featuring an ongoing slide show theaterstyle, punch and snack tables, a fountain by the trees, and a blackand-white checkered dance floor.

"What was really unique about this year's prom decorations was that the juniors made stars and put all of the seniors' names on them." said senior Kimme-Jo Bouwers.

Before the prom, most students ventured out of town to eat dinner with their date or their friends. Junior Andrew Reeder went with his group of friends Marshalltown.

"Treemont on Main was where I went to eat with my friends. It was good food. That was the best part about prom," said Reeder.

"We ate at the Skean Block in Albia. It was interesting because I later found out that a skean was a special kind of dagger," said junior Lech Harris.

Following dinner, everyone traveled back to the high school to make their arrival at the prom. Throughout the evening, students crowded onto the dance floor grooving to the music provided by Craig Van Vark. When the dancing was over, the night had only just begun. Students were in for a long night of games, prizes and a hypnotist for entertainment.

To end the evening, everyone gathered into the middle school gym to watch classmates be hypnotized. Volunteers proceeded to slip into a subconscious state of mind. The hypnosis involved students riding a rollercoaster, guys in a cheerleading contest and students acting like birds.

"I thought the hypnotist was hilarious! Lance Roorda (senior) was the hottest cheerleading chick!" said junior Jeff Dole.

*DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

Juniors Kevin Van Dyke and Tremaine Versteeg enjoy each others' company during a slow song at prom. "At the dance we tried to swing dance ... I was awful, but the dance and the whole night were still good times," said Versteeg.



Ashley Sponsler, Mike Mitchell



Kayla Kafka, Emmanuel Mate-Kojo



EmmaVanderWell, Billi Ellingson



Katelyn DePenning





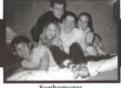




Sophomore Alison Corbett applies make-up to classmate Lara Van Wyk in preparation for the Powder Puff Game. Girls of the sophomore class teamed up with girls of the junior class to take on the senior/freshman team in a game played on Sept. 24, the Monday night before Homecoming. The senior/freshman team was victorious that evening.





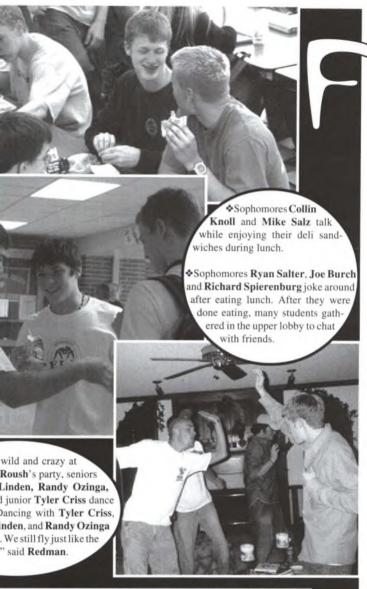


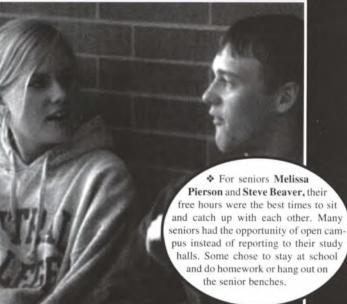




Chris Doty, Dustin DeHaan







Piends

...create lasting memories

Friends: the people who were like family. Through thick and thin, they were always there.

Whether hanging out at the local coffee shop, cruising, or staying home, friends had different ways of spending time together. Many students liked going uptown to the local coffee shop, Smokey Row, and hanging out. Sitting down to talk over a cup of

coffee or sharing laughs while eating an ice cream cone. Smokey Row was the hot spot for teens.

"My friends and I went to Smokey Row a lot to get coffee. Then we usually made noise and got into trouble. We had a lot of fun," said freshman Andrew Bradley.

Some students liked to go cruising Sunday nights in Pella while others chose to cruise out of town. Teens "scooped the loop" with their music blaring while meeting teens from surrounding towns.

"I liked cruising in other towns because it was just better than

Pella. In surrounding towns, the people there were more interesting than those in Pella. Those who went cruising were also so much more interesting and entertaining. People in Pella were just a lot more stuck up than those who I met cruising in other towns, such as Osky," said junior Sharla Kramer.

Some students would rather have a slumber party, lounging in their pajamas and watching the

> latest flicks. This also meant eating a lot of junk food and staying up until all hours of the night, chatting and sharing laughs.

> "It was just plain fun to stay in with my friends on the weekends. I enjoyed just hanging out with them and staying up all night to talk about what was going on with them. It was just nice to have time to talk about what had been going on since we were so busy during the week and really didn't have time to discuss things," said sophomore Stephanie Kindred.

No matter how friends chose to spend time together, there was always room in

their busy schedules to hang-out with their closest buddies.



"I enjoyed

staying home,

spending time

with friends

and goofing

off."

-Sophomore

Stephanie

Kindred. right, with classmates Brenda Roose. Sara VerMeer



Alison Van Hal, Kayla Kafka









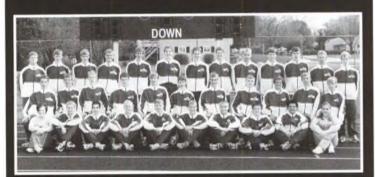


TRACK

VARSITY JV 9TH



GIRLS' TRACK. Rachel Shaw, Megan Renaud, Suzanne Corum, Erika Engelbrecht, Amber Breuklander, ROW 2: Tera Behning, Stacey De Joode, Alyson Fugitt, Laura Mitchell, Lyndsay Van Maaren, ROW 3: Katie Van Vark, Allison Mansueto, Mary Hiemstra, Sara Steenhoek, Kelly Hoopes, Tracy Marlow.



BOYS' TRACK. Manager Karrie Peterson, Carson Eggland, Sergio Navarro, Kevin Ulmer, David VanWyk, Tyler Beerends, Jon Landon, Cory Vande Kieft, Matt Santiago. Manager Ashley Sponsler. ROW 2: Casey Flanagan, Taylor Lind, Travis Bogaard, Derek Forsythe, Ryan Bettger, David Vos. Josh Pommer, Mike VanderHoek, Ryan Sims, Justin Versteeg, Chris Orr. ROW 3: Mike Edwards, Collin Knoll, Ben Bollard, Vance Schuring, Ryan TerLouw, Josh Smith, Jon Erickson, Paul Davidson, Michael Salz, Russell Hoksbergen, Todd Schuring, Michael Langenfeld, Josh Jaarsma.



Freshman Allison Mansueto hands off to junior Tera Behning in the 4 x 400. "It was a tough season having a small squad and with all the illnesses. We did well and had a fun year," said Behning.







David Van Wyk



Marlow places fifth at state in long jum

□Six girls participated in the May 17 state meet. Junior Trace Marlow brought in two points for Pella by placing fifth in the lon jump. The distance medley team of Lyndsay Van Maaren, Erik Engelbrecht, Mary Hiemstra, and Allison Mansueto placed 17th overall. "The competition at state was a lot harder this year than was last year. Overall, I think we tried our hardest," said Van Maaren. Freshman Laura Mitchell competed in the 100m and 400m hurdles.

□Junior Tracy Marlow was the only Lady Dutch team member of compete at the Drake Relays. "... I got 13th in the long jump and didn't do so well in the 100m, but I had a great time running an jumping against all the tough competition," said Marlow.

DSuzanne Corum was the only senior member of the team. "In the beginning, I thought that being the only senior would be no fur Now, I realize it really gave me a chance to be a leader. I had a lot of fun with this year's track team," said Corum.

START IT OFF. Freshman Sara Steenhoek prepares to start the 400 hurdles. "I really scary because I don't want to false start and let down the team. It's especial bad because I start to shake waiting for the gun," said Steenhoek.







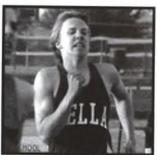
Mary Hiemstra, Beth Jones



Ryan Sims, Kevin Ulmer



Amber Breuklander



Ryan Bettger

Fer Louw finishes third at Drake

Junior Ryan TerLouw's third place finish in the 1600-meter run 4:23) was the team's highest finish at the Drake Relays held April 26-27. The 4 x 4 team of seniors Jon Landon, Tyler Beerends, David Van Wyk along the junior Vance Schuring also competed.

The 4 x 4 team of junior Ben Bollard, sophomore Jon Erickson, reshmen Travis Bogaard and Ryan Bettger, placed second at the Charger Relays in Chariton April 9, giving the team the meet championship. This was the first win for the boys in four years.

Della finished with 10 points at the state meet May 24-25, tying for .6th overall. The 1600m medley team of Beerends, Van Wyk, Landon, and Ter Louw placed third (3:32) breaking the school ecord. Ter Louw also placed third in the 1600m run and ran the 600m. Van Wyk finished sixth in the 100m dash. Bollard qualified or the final 400m low hurdles. Other competitors were Landon 400m dash), 4 x 100m relay (listed above), Beerends (high jump), x 200 relay (Beerends, Erickson, Landon, Van Wyk), 4 x 800 elay (Taylor Lind, Bogaards, Casey Flanagan, Bollard).

UMP HIGH. Senior Kevin Ulmer jumps the 110 high hurdles. He placed third at the Little Dutch Invitational with the time of 16.77.



SCOREBOARD

Boys

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	Part.	Oskaloosa Relays	3rd
Central	Part.	Rocket Relays	2nd
Quad Relays	3rd	Drake Relays	Part.
A-Club Relays	4th	Little Dutch Invite	2nd
Panther Relays 4th (Grinnell	3rd
Charger Relays	Ist	Little Hawkeye	
BGM Relays	2nd	Conference	2nd

Girls

2nd	Grinnell	6th
4th	Tulip Time Relays	4th
4th	Drake Relays	Part.
4th	Pantherette Relays	3rd
5th	Little Hawkeye	
	Conf. (Districts)	4th
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Records Broken

A 22-year-old school record for the 1600m run was broken by **Ryan Ter Louw** with 4:23. The old record was held by **Scott Visser** (4:28).

Ter Louw set a new mark for the 800m run in 1:58. The old record was from 1989, held by **Kevin Hackert** with the time of 1:59

The 1600m medley by **Tyler Beerends**, **David Van Wyk**, **Jon Landon**, and **Ter Louw**. The new record is 3:32, the 1994 record was 3:34.

emorable



"It was the best when we won the track meet at Chariton, our only one this season. Everyone was excited and happy."

Sophomore Josh Smith





"One memory that I'll never forget was at districts when our shuttle hurdle team did really well and got our best time. Even though our event didn't make it to state, it still felt good."

Freshman Stacey De Joode





GOLF Boys' Girls'



GIRLS' GOLF, Heather Vande Lune, Ali Angel, Elizabeth Summitt. ROW 2: Julia Nurse, Ashley Gritters, Kate Hamlin, Jordan Williams, Sharilyne Hoekstra, Amy Laug, Emily Bensink, Jenn Freeman.



BOYS' GOLF. David Beyer, Ryan Van Roekel, Ron Steenhoek, Austin Ewell, Nathan DeZwarte, Curtis Brobst, Andrew Bradley, Kyle Dursky. ROW 2: Pete Randol, Brandon Morgan, Kyle Simpson, Stuart Steenhoek, Tyler Vander Linden, Jasen Dahm, Nathan Kroese, Jon Vermeer. ROW 3: Coach Gifford Graham, Adam Larson, Jim Dingeman, Tyler Roose, Matt De Vries, Micah Kraayenbrink, Jason Laverman, Andy Knight.

Boys, girls advance to state



"I had a lot of fun and really enjoyed playing against other great players. I watched my sister (Jamie) play at state in '93 and '94 and wanted to follow in her footsteps. We placed fifth in class 3A, which was a good ending to a great season," said sophomore Emily Bensink.



"I say we did pretty well to prove that last year wasn't a fluke by beating last year's record by eight strokes to get second place. A lot of people didn't think we could do it," said junior Stuart Steenhoek.







Jon Vermeer



Team unity propels girls to state

The girls' golf team advanced to the state meet by winning the regionals on May 20. Sophomore Emily Bensink qualified as a individual for the state meet at Jester Park. "I thought that I played well, and I had a lot of fun playing with Sharilyne," Bensink sain The team finished fifth at state.

The girls dominated the competition April 29 by shooting a 334 break the school record of team low score of 18 holes. Second place was longtime rival Grinnell, who fired a 349. "Everyone played the best rounds that day, and it really showed since we beat the defending state champions," said senior Julia Nurse.

Team meals were a way to bond as a team. For the girls, it was anticipated event. "Team meals were a blast. We get along real well this year The team meals were fun, and they got us pumped up said sophomore Ashley Gritters.

KICKIN' BACK BEFORE COMPETITION, Junior Sharilyne Hoekstra take a steady swing as she tees off on #2 at the Pella Golf & Country Club in one of the many meets at home this season. "We had a tough team this year, and we showed hor tough we really were by defeating Grinnell," said Hoekstra.



Ali Angel



Stuart Steenhoek



Emily Bensink



Jim Dingeman

Boys' golf ends with second at state

The boys' golf team played well at the conference meet on April 29. Pella's top three finishers were named all-conference with unior Stuart Steenhoek being named runner-up medalist by carding a 78. "All-conference is a big honor for me. It isn't so much that it is prestigious but more of a confidence builder going into the more important meets leading up to state," Steenhoek said.

The boys' golf team placed second, 607-610, behind Waterloo Columbus at the boys' state tournament May 23-24 in Carroll. For most of the players competing, state was a major highlight of the eason as they were set to defend their 2001 title. "State was the highlight of the golf season because our team ended up playing well to defend. The ride up to the meet was fun because we had andwiches. The ride back was also fun," sophomore Jon Vermeer aid. Junior Stuart Steenhoek agreed. "State was a big highlight of the year. In general, we had a good team. We had a good group of tuys."

NTHE ROUGH. Sophomore Nathan Kroese competes at conference. He was amed all-conference by shooting a 78. "All-Conference was a nice bonor for me, hope that it gives me confidence going into state," Kroese said prior to state ompetition.



Girls' Golf SCOREBOARD

Pella 190, Pella Christian 243

Pella 181, Boone 218

Pella 170, Albia 209, Eddyville 230

Pella 179, Knoxville 214

Oskaloosa Inv.: Pella 364, Second

Pella 189, Grinnell 189 (Grinnell won play-off)

Pella 187, Waukee 193, Centerville 239 Little Hawkeye Conference: Pella 334, First

Pella 170, Carlisle 202, Norwalk 211

Redette Inv.: Pella 350, First Pella 185, South Tama 199 Districts: Pella 392, First Regionals: Pella 349, First State: Pella 706, Fifth

Honors

All-Conference: Seniors Jenn Freeman, Ali Angel, Julia Nurse, Junior Sharilyne Hoekstra, Sophomores Emily Bensink, Ashley Gritters

Districts: Bensink, Freeman, and Hoekstra were medallists, qualified for regionals as individuals.

Regionals: Bensink advanced to state individually.

State Competitors: Bensink, Freeman, Hoekstra, Nurse,

Gritters

Boys' Golf

Pella 159, Knoxville 157, Chariton 159, Albia 175

Pella 155, Grinnell 168

Pella 166, Knoxville 155

Pella 161, Oskaloosa 164, Lynnville-Sully 191

Pella 161, Knoxville 160, Chariton 165, Albia 170

Pella 141, Waukee 152

Conference: Pella 317, Second

Pella 157, Norwalk 164, Centerville 186

Chariton Inv. Pella 312, Third Pella 147, South Tama 180 Sectionals: Pella 319, Second Pella Christian Inv. Pella

Districts: Pella, 325, First State: Pella 610, Second

Honors

All-Conference: Stuart Steenhoek, Nathan Kroese,

Jasen Dahn

State Competitors: Steenhoek, Kroese, Dahm, Tyler

Roose, Jim Dingeman, Jon Vermeer



Tennis

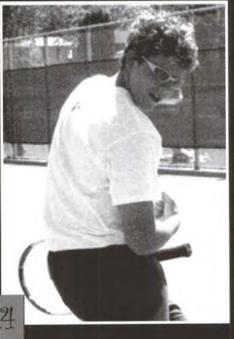
Girls' Boys'



GIRLS' TENNIS. Amanda VanderHart, Sarah Gilpin, Catie Beck, Becky Steenhoek, Lindsy Blair, Katie Ross, Lindsay Graham, Sarah VanDerHart, Lisa Phiv. ROW 2: Ashley Braun, Amber Seekamp, Jill Van Vark, Bobbi Van Zante, Savannah Veenstra, Nicole Verhey, Allison Mason, Luisa Orticelli. ROW 3: Assistant Coach Kristy De Jong, Maria Goodman, Naomi Yang, Heather Ross, Tanna VanDenBerg, Megan Weiler, Jenny Veenstra, Paola Espinosa, Hannah Smith, Coach Margene Van Horn.



BOYS' TENNIS. Dan George, Bryan George, Brian Steenhoek, Matt Vandevoort, Adam Chenoweth, Matt Snyder. ROW 2: Stephen Bandstra, Brandon Boat, Matt Van Maanen, Kyle Eastwood, Mike Van Dusseldorp. ROW 3: Coach Bryan Kime, Tyler Criss, Ryan Redman, Brandyn Van Zante, Chris Westra.



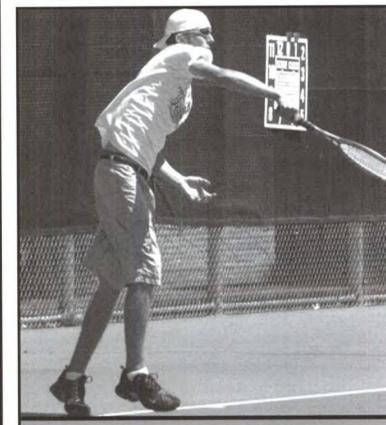
Senior Brian Steenhoek celebrates after scoring a point. Steenhoek qualified for state in singles. He lost his first and third matches but won his second. After playing, Steenhoek rushed home and made it back just in time for graduation. "I think that we had a very good season. I was a little disappointed about losing to Boone, but it was a fun year, and I liked hanging out with the guys," said Steenhoek.







Lindsay Graham



Team begins season without a coach

□With only three days remaining before they played their first meethe boys' tennis team was without a coach. However, a work slowdow at Vermeer Manufacturing allowed Vermeer employee Bryan Kim to be interviewed and chosen as the boys' tennis coach. "This who team was a great bunch to work with. For a first year coach I couldn' have asked for a better team," said Kime.

□Sophomore Dan George and sophomore Matt Snyder qualified for state in doubles. "Matt and I have been playing together for awhile, we can stick together this long, maybe when we are seniors we can g to state," said George.

☐Senior Brian Steenhoek qualified for state in singles. "Going to sta was a fun experience. Even though I lost and it was senior year, it was a good way to end my high school tennis career." said Steenhoek.

☐Junior Adam Chenoweth and senior Bryan George placed secon at the Little Hawkeye Conference meet at Grinnell May 6.

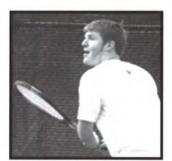
GO FOR IT. Freshman Lindsy Blair returns a serve during a match. "I think that it season went really well and that the team did well," said Blair. "I was really excite about having the chance to go to state."



Chris Westra



Becky Steenhoek



Matt VanMaanen



Sarah Gilpin

Blair qualifies for state tournament

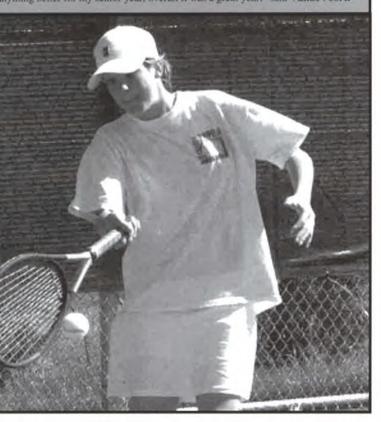
Treshman Lindsy Blair, a member of the varsity team, qualified for the state tournament after placing second in regionals. Blair was also the number one girls singles player.

D Senior Katie Ross and junior Sarah Gilpin advanced to the regional tournament for doubles and placed third. They placed first n the Knoxville Invite. "I think Katie and I played really well ogether, and we had a really great season together. We almost went o state," said Gilpin.

D Sophomore Lindsay Graham qualified for regionals, but did not make it to state. "We were really excited to get this far, although we were disappointed that we didn't win. Overall, we were really nappy about how the season went," said Graham.

D Sophomore Becky Steenhoek finished first at the conference meet held at Pella. "It was a privilege to be able to get first at conference during my sophomore year. It was great!" said Steenhoek.

Senior Matt Vandevoort serves the ball to his opponet at a home match. "I think that the season went really well, better than expected. I couldn't have asked for anything better for my senior year, overall it was a great year," said VandeVoort.



SCOREBOARD

Lady Dutch

Oskaloosa 7, Pella 4 Pella 10, Knoxville 1 Pella 9, Chariton 0 Pella 9, Pella Christian 2 Indianola Inv. 4th Boone 8, Pella 3 Knoxville Inv. 1st Pella 11, Grinnell 0 Pella 8, Norwalk 3 L.H.C. 2nd Pella 7, Albia 2

IV Lady Dutch

Pella 11, Oskaloosa 8 Pella 14, Knoxville 5 Pella 14, Chariton 10 Pella 16, Pella Christian 2 Indianola Inv. 4th Boone 10, Pella 6 Knoxville Inv. 1st Pella 17, Grinnell 2 Pella 8, Norwalk 0 L.H.C. 2nd Pella 7, Albia 2

Little Dutch

Pella 8, Knoxville 3 Pella 11, Albia 0 Pella 10, Pella Christian 1 Knoxville Inv. 1st Pella 11, North Polk 0 Boone 7, Pella 4 Pella 11, Oskaloosa 0 Maharishi Fairfield 9, Pella 2 Pella 10, Grinnell 1 Pella 7, Norwalk 4 Newton 11, Pella 0

JV Little Dutch

Pella 8, Knoxville 3 Pella 5, Albia 0 Pella 10, Pella Christian 1 Knoxville Inv. 1st Pella 11, North Polk 0 Boone 8, Pella 1 Pella 4, Oskaloosa 0 Maharishi Fairfield 2, Pella 1 Pella 4, Grinnell 0 Norwalk 3, Pella 1 Newton 11, Pella 0





"... making fun of Lindsy Blair wearing a skirt. The banquet was a lot of fun, and I made many memories I won't forget."

Senior Sarah Van Der Hart





"... the doubles that I played for the district championship against Knoxville with my partner, sophomore Matt Snyder."

Sophomore Dan George



SOCCER

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BOYS' VARSITY. Chris Shrout, Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Scott Mathes, Matt Melhus, Austin VanderLinden, Tyler Boeyink. ROW 2: Brian Melhus, Dan DeHaan, Zac Van Wyk, Josh Printz, Nick Miller, Alex Schuring, Matt TerLouw, Dan Schuring. ROW 3: Coach Coco Gutierrez. Chris Boeyink, Brian Venteicher, Andy Kinne, Randy Ozinga, Michal Nowak, Brady Van Vark, Coach Takis Apostolopoulos.



BOYS' JV. Zac Hogan, Dan Hunt, Andrew Oakland, Chad de Vries, Matt Redding, Yupeng Jin, Chung Vue, Joe Langenfeld, Micah Ybarrola, Andy Oldridge, Toney Chem. ROW 2: Nathan DeHeer, Joe ErkenBrack, Robert Bruss. Marc Kucinski, Jamie Clinkenbeard, Brad DeWild, Andy Versluys ,Derek Groenendyk, Stephen Meyer, Drew Wilson, Bruno Orticelli, Louis VanderStreek, ROW 3: Don Trotter, Nathan VanKampen, Matt Schnell, Alan Austin, Oakley Klein, Trent Sikkema, Sam Reicks, Ryan Boswell, Ben Malsom, Matt Goodyk, Coach Marv Van Wyk.



GIRLS' VARSITY. Katie Van Dusseldorp. Erica Knoll, Sarah Way, Kathrin Aschbacher, Allison Emerick. ROW 2: Chelsea Pelland, Andrea Brobst. Sarah Van Wyk, Tremaine Versteeg, Lauren Birkel, Lara Van Wyk, Ashley Doorman. Ashley Merick. ROW 3: Coach Mary Carnell, Morgan Kelly, Katelyn De Penning, Jocelyn Davis, Paige Nelson, Courtney Fleenor, Lacey Beyer, Beatrize Mate-Kodjo, Coach Amy Bankod.



GIRLS' JV. Anna Rietveld, Brenna Boat, Jessica TerLouw, Stephanie Fleenor, Shelly Nunnikhoven, Morgan Mock, ROW 2: Loni May, April Stursma, Liesel Schroder, Heather Lukens, Erin Sokol . ROW 3: Coach Mary Carnell, Stacey DeJode, Kelly Hoopes, Alyssa Haman, Coach Amy Bankod.







Lindsy Blair



Boys' varsity finishes second in state

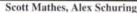
□In a game against rival Norwalk, the varsity boys' team claimed a 2 win. With only three seconds remaining in double overtime, sent Matt Melhus scored the winning goal, giving the Dutch a victory.

The boys advanced to state after a 4-2 win over Knoxville, celebration, the team took off their shirts and jumped into the soci complex's pond, "Unfortunately, I got clipped in the ankle by a big of who eventually got a red card. I couldn't participate in the tradition jumping into the pond for fear of drowning," said sophomore Bri Melhus.

DFacing the best teams in the state in the blistering heat, the Dutch to the field in Muscatine for the state tournament. They defeated Denist Schleswig in first round, followed by a victory over Danville. In championship game against Davenport-Assumption, the Little Dufell 4-1 after Assumption scored three goals early in the game. Sen Randy Ozinga scored to put the Dutch on the board.

ONE STEP AHEAD. Senior Randy Ozinga dribbles past his defender during a ma up game against South Tama on May 10. The Dutch earned the title as Little Hawk Conference Champions, finishing their regular season with an undefeated record.







Katie Van Dusseldorp



Brian Melhus



Lara Van Wyk

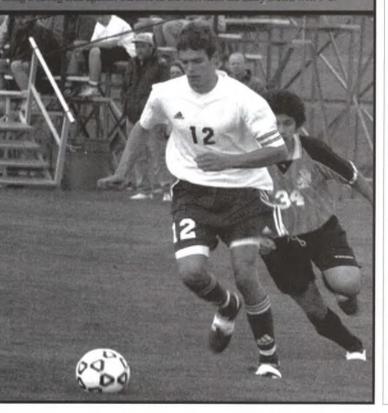
New opportunites exist for girls' team

As the 2002 season began for the Lady Dutch, higher numbers of players came out for the team. Having enough members for two leams, Central College graduate Amy Bankod was added to the staff as JV coach. "It was great to have a JV team this year because everyone got more playing time and the younger players got more experience playing at a high school level," said sophomore Courtney

Prepared for a tough game, the Lady Dutch knew their match-up with Waukee would call for a rough fight. After a scoreless half, both eams resumed the field determined to be the winner. Within the first five minutes of the second half, Waukee scored against Pella, taking he lead. With the last 10 minutes remaining, freshman Lindsy Blair popped the ball over Waukee's goalie to tie it up. After playing double overtime, the teams left the competition to a shoot out. Junior goalie Tremaine Versteeg brought the victory to the Lady Dutch, saving three of the four shots against her.

This will be finished when the girls finish their season.

ICK IT. Sophomore Lauren Birkel fights a Carlisle defender for control of the ball. aking a strong lend against Carlisle in the first half, the Lady Dutch won 9-0.



SCOREBOARD

Lady Dutch

Pella 10, Grinnell 0 Pella 2, Pella Christian 0 Pella 5. Knoxville 1 Nevada Inv. Canceled Pella 9. Carlisle 0 Pella 7, Winterset 1

Pella 2, Waukee 1 Pella 2, ADM 0 Pella 8, PCM 0 Pella*, Norwalk* Pella*, Nevada* Boundarant Tourney

JV Lady Dutch

Pella 10, Centerville 0 Pella 2, Knoxville 0 Pella 0, Waukee 3 Pella*, Pella Christian*

Honors

First Team All Conference: Seniors xxxxx

Little Dutch

Pella 5, Iowa City 2 Pella 13, PCM 1 Pella 5, Tama 0 Pella 2, DCG 2 Nevada Inv. Pella 12, Chariton 1 Pella 3, Waukee 1 Pella 9. Bondurant 1 Pella 3, Norwalk 2 Pella 8, Grinnell 0 Pella 12, Carlisle 0 Pella 5, Knoxville 0 Pella 11, Albia 1

Substate: Pella 8, Grinnell 0 Pella 2. Norwalk 1 Pella 4, Knoxville 2 State Tournament: Pella *, XXX *

JV Little Dutch

Pella*, Albia* Pella 2, DCG 1 Pella 4, Grinnell 1 Pella 1, Waukee 2 Pella *, PCM * Pella 1, Waukee 2

Honors

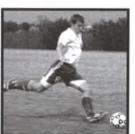
First Team All Conference: Seniors Randy Ozinga, Zac Van Wyk, Josh Printz, Scott Mathes and sophomore Alex Schuring. Second Team All Conference: Seniors Austin Vander Linden, Matt Melhus, and junior Emanuel Mate-Kodjo.

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"The most intense game of the season was during the Waukee game when we had a shoot out. After the last goal was scored, we were victorious. It was a totally awesome feeling."

Junior Jocelyn Davis



"Each game during state was memorable. We showed up those who thought we couldn't make it. Speaking for the seniors, the underclassmen really stepped it up, and we were all proud of them. Finishing second was a great boost for the soccer program." Senior Josh Printz





May

Orchestra strings stroll at Tulip Time



Tulip Time was a great time for the orchestra to strut their stuff. During the morning, students played Dutch and other folk songs behind the Klokkenspel. They strolled among the tourists playing their instruments and enjoying the warm weather.

"... orchestra had fun playing songs we memorized for strolling strings. The crowds of

people who came to listen to us loved our playing!" said sophomore Amy Ryerson, above.

The group played many Dutch songs, but none was as favored as the opening and closing song to the show "Tip Toe Through the Tulips."

"I liked the songs we played for strolling strings because they were easy and fun to play," said senior **Michelle Jones**.

One orchestra student was proud to show tourists what Pella is about.

"I had a good time showing the tourists and citizens of Pella that all our lives don't revolve around athletics. I felt proud to stand on stage and express beautiful music," said junior Amy Kappel.

This year was the first year that the orchestra played for the Tulip Queen's coronation.

"... strolling strings at Tulip Time and playing for the queen are really neat ideas because tourists come to see the uniqueness of the town, including things like high school

students who are wearing Dutch costumes and playing Dutch songs. I think it's a great tradition!" said orchestra director Charlee Eekhoff.



✓ Sophomores Lacy and Loni May enjoy the sunshine as they stroll strings during Tulip Tim "Memorizing the music for strolling strings was tedious but the older people really enjoy it, and it go us out of school. I have always loved Tulip Time and combining it with orchestra was a fun way celebrate our Dutch heritage and at the same time learn some fun new music." said Lacy.



This on That



A baby girl was born to **Chris Sand** (French) and **Nickolet Pohorsky-Sand** (vocal) May 2 at 7:28 a.m. Emma Sabine Sand weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. She had curly brown hair and hazel eyes.

"Emma is the greatest thing that has been added to my life since my wife. I am the proudest papa!" said **Sand**.

"She's changed everything. What used to be important isn't. It's a totally different ball game. The end product was well worth the bad pregnancy," said **Pohorsky-Sand**.

Tom Netzel substituted for **Pohorsky-Sand** from the end of April through the end of the school year.



Band instructor **Dick Redman** received the Karl King Distinguished Service Award or May 11. The award was given by the Iowa Bandmaster's Association at the Hotel For Des Moines during their state convention This award is given each year to an active member as well as a retired member of the association. Each district selects a candidate for the award, and then the state member yote on the candidates.

"I was very honored to be recognized by my colleagues," said **Redman**.

Redman has taught here since 1978. He directs the color guard, the sixth grade marching band, the concert band and Jazz I. He also teaches instrumental music lessons.



Yearbook staff sponsors Spring Fling

It was the last dance of the school year, the Spring Fling dance nosted by the yearbook staff May 11.

Yearbook staff members began preparing for the dance weeks, even months, in advance. Handmade decorations were hung around the cafeteria early Satur-



day afternoon, and Christmas lights were added to set the mood. "Although not very many people showed up, he dance looked hot and fresh with all the cool decorations. The dance was pretty fun because it was the last dance of the year," said tophomore Angela LoThi.

Chaperones included Wade and Hilary Van Wark, Ann and Rod Visser, Pete Peterson, Teresa Wares and Eric Nelson. Chaperones watched students dance as well as participating in dancing themselves.

"It was good to see the younger generation ecognizing good music," said **Peterson**. "I hought students might want to learn from a master."

Profits were below expectations as the staff only made \$150. Despite the turnout, students attending said they enjoyed the dance.

"I think that you gotta make your own fun. Not many people would dance; they just stood around and talked," said freshman **Jenny** Forres.

Varsity girls end season with letters

The girls' tennis team ended the year with a 10-3 record.

"Tennis has been great this year! I loved playing doubles with Sarah Gilpin (junior). I'll really miss it," said senior Katie Ross (below).

Team members held a team picnic May 10 where letters were given to the top 10 var-



The season finished May 30 when **Blair** went to state in Johnston for singles tennis. She was the only player who qualified for the

state meet, and she played the defending champion, **Natalie Kolegraff**, from Spirit Lake.
"I think the girls

"I think the girls played about as well as they could throughout the season, and with a fairly young team, we look forward to next year's season,"said girls' tennis coach Margene Van Horn.



✓ It Out

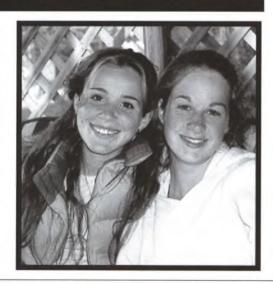
Stefania Grezzana (left), a friend of Luisa Orticelli (right) and her brother Bruno, lived with the Orticellis when she came to the States fter high school graduation in Brazil.

"It has been a great experience, and verybody has been so nice to me. I don't want o go home yet! I will miss my friends and verything here, but now I miss my mom (her nother at home in Brazil)!" said Grezzana.

To **Luisa**, it has been a great experience aving **Grezzana** stay with her.

"Having Steph here was great because it was ke having a sister to talk to in Portuguese," aid Luisa.

Grezzana returned to Brazil in June to begin er college studies.



Top 5 Events 05.2002



The annual Spring Fling offered students one last chance to get together with friends.

"It was a lot of fun to hang out at the dance with my friends."

- Sophomore Dustin De Haan



This year was the 32nd year for Carnaby Club to be held.

"...It (Carnaby Club) gives people a chance to show off what they are really good at,"

- Sophomore Richard Spierenburg



Tulip Time was held one week eariler so the tulips would be in full bloom.

"I think it was a lot of fun even though I had to work a lot. I thought it was neat to see how many people were brought in because of the windmill, eventhough I don't like it,"

- Freshman Austin Crase



The graduation ceremony on May 24 marked an end and brought in a bright beginning.

"I'm very pumped to be graduating and finally done with high school, because there's going to be a plethora of men at college!"

- Senior Julie Rietema



One snow day moved the last day of school to May 29.

"Having a three day weekend followed by two days of semester test seems cruel right before summer vacation, but it gave students who wanted to study more time," - Sophomore Nicole Verhey



✓ Juniors Tiffany Pol and Jena Marlow work on a clay project in humanities during the last full week of school.



May

Students wind down to May 29

Many students looked forward to the end of the year. Although they realized the anticipated days of summer were right around the corner, they also knew stress was sure to

> be a factor.

"This year teachers really packed on the home-work at the end of the year. Adding on to studying

for semester tests, that made my stress level much higher than normal," said sophomore Micaela Grob

With all the preparations having to be made with semester tests and year-end projects, students could feel the tension in the air.

"The purpose of semester tests was beyond me. They put so much stress on students, and it just made us forget about other things that might have been important, which led to more stress that affected our social lives," said sophomore **Richard Spierenburg**, left.

The stress did not just play a role in students' lives but in the teachers' lives as well. Many teachers had the task of planning semester tests and thinking of ideas for next year.

"Semester tests were overweighted, overemphasized, and overused and placed a great deal of stress on the students. It was an overweighted 90-minute period," said **Jeff Siewert**, science teacher, above right.

Despite the problems that occurred during stressful times, students tried not to let it overwhelm them and ruin their last days of school

"I handled stress one day at a time; that way I wouldn't overwhelm myself with everything that I still had left to do," said senior **Kimme-Jo Bouwers**.





✓ Building Bridges. Junior Tiffany Pol, below, tests he engineering skills by building a toothpick bridge in conceptual physics. Students only used toothpicks and glue

How does it feel to only have one month left of school?

HE SAID

"I liked it a lot because I looked forward to summer, and being able to go to the pool everyday."

Freshman Ricky Widmar

"I couldn't wait to have a break even though I had to work part time at Dutch East Indies."

> Sophomore Matthew Scharff

"I felt very stressed because
I had so many tests
and papers due all in
the same week."

Senior John Bogaard

SHE SAID

"... a great feeling because I knew that summer was almost here"

Freshman Ashley Roorda

"... summer is so much fun, and I am ready to graduate from my sophomore year."

> Sophomore Katie Collins

"I'm happy. I couldn't wait until the year was over. It was a good feeling, but I was kind of scared to become a senior."

> Junior Heather Lukens

"I was excited about graduation, but I hated the school work and other things in between."

> Senior Stephanie Thomas



✓ Getting There. Freshman Kelli Van Wyk takes the early lead over classmate Calvi Vos in the industrial technology cardboard boat races. The races tested whether or not the boats would float.

Boat project ends at pool

It was a race to the finish for two industrial technology classes (taught by Mark Goodrich) as students trekked to the indoor swimming pool to race their homemade cardboard boats. Students spent a total of two weeks designing and constructing their boats. The main requirement was to use corrugated cardboard; tape was not allowed.

Students raced to the end of the pool and back; their partners the took charge and raced back to the other side

Eighteen students participate in the project. Sophomore Seamu Turnbull was the first section winner while freshman Bobl Van Zante was the second section champ.



ADIOS! Senior Matt Melhus hands out cans of Pepsi to fellow classmates as he rides his lawn mower at the senior class picnic held May 20. "It was a dirty job, but somebody had to do it," said Melhus. "We can't let our people die of thirst."

On last day ...

Seniors drive mowers to school

The sounds and smells of lawnmowers filled the air as underclassmen reached the school on May 20. Many seniors decided to park their cars at **Austin Vander Linden's** house and drive to school around 7:30 a.m. They were not allowed to park their mowers in the senior lot, so they parked in **Zac Van Wyk's** lawn across the street from school.

How did you feel about the end of the school year?



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"It was a fun school year, but there was a lot more school work compared to my freshman and sophomore years."

Junior Sharilyne Hoekstra



+DOWNs-

"The school year seemed to go faster than I remember. I'm sad to see this year be over."

Sophomore Andrew Lundgren

TIMEOUT

Whether it was parents cheering, baking cookies or planning a banquet, the boys' track team noticed greater support throughout their season.

"Having my mom and dad come to my meets meant a lot because it showed they really cared about what I was doing. My dad gave me pointers and advice during the meets to help increase my distance. I also got a lot of other support from other parents," said sophomore **Jon Erickson**.

After every meet the parents took turns bringing a bucket of homemade cookies for the team to eat on the bus ride home.

"It was cool how we could go to an away meet and have a section full of Pella parents. It got us pumped up to run. The best part was the cookies they made for us to eat on the ride home," said junior **Ben Bollard.**

Senior **Tyler Beerends** added, "I always told my parents not to come, but they always did anyway! Once they were there, I enjoyed their support. I loved

it when the parents brought the cookies for us!"

To celebrate the team's accomplishments, parents held a banquet at the Pizza Ranch. The last track banquet was in 1996.

"I thought the banquet was nice ... it showed how much support the parents have for us," said **Michael Salz**.

Besides providing a larger cheering section, cookies and a banquet, the outlook for the athletes and coaches was more enthusiastic.

"I think it was awesome that the parents supported all of us and not just their own kid; it formed more team unity," said freshman **Derek Forsythe**.



"My dad pushes me hard so that I don't slack off, and he is always behind me 100%. It was nice having him at all the meets for four years to give me advice and encourage me," said senior **David Van Wyk**, pictured with his father **Russ**, at the Southeast Classic track meet.

Faaaasssssst Fact

Journalism adviser Ann Visser was presented with the Teacher of the Year award given by the Pella Wal-mart. She was awarded \$500 and a Wal-Mart "Teacher of the Year" blue vest.

Did You Know?

Tulip Time occurred one week earlier this year, allowing for the tulips to be at their prime during the festival.

+GETTIN' MUSICAL

Percussion line gets their beat on during Thursday afternoon parade. "Marching in the band is always fun. Although I'm in percussion, and I don't get to shake the crowds' hands, we get to stand our ground and groove in the street. It's an enjoyable time for all," said sophomore Brady VanVark, second from left.



*FESTIVE FOOD

Junior Heather Lukens tries poeffertjes for the first time. This was her first year attending Tulip Time after moving to Pella from Ohio this year. "I thought the poeffertjes were really good! Hot, but good!" said Lukens.



*PARADIN' AROUND

Senior Scott De Prenger rides a tractor during the parade, "It was really funny to see all of the people's faces when I drove by. I wanted to give people a taste of Dutch humor," said De Prenger.



*DUTCHESSES

Sophomores Megan McCombs and Lindsay Graham Dutch dance in front of the Tulip Toren. "It was fun to entertain the tourists with our various performances and participation in the daily street dances. With the great weather, food, and crowds, we stayed very busy. Being a Dutchess this year was very exciting," said McCombs.



***KLOMPEN CLASSIC**

Senior Julie Rietema gets psyched for the 10K run the night before Tulip Time began. "It was hard, but it was a good finish," said Rietema. She completed the run in 61 minutes. Junior Heather Kraayenbrink won the 19 and under 10K run, and senior Ali Angel placed second in the same category.





♦MAY I HELP YOU? Junior Amy Cline was among many high school students who worked during Tulip Time. "I worked at the United Methodis Church stand on Friday from 1 to 3. Hilary (Pearson, senior) wrote a sign that said 'holy' and stuck it in front of the water for sale. People who saw it though it was funny," said Cline. Students were excused from school if they ha obligations, such as working at stands, but they had to fill out a form whic required a parent's and a supervisor's signature.





Chris Westra













Sarah Way



Jonathan Landon, Randy Ozinga, Tyler Beerends



Vance Schuring

Hime

Every year, once a year, Dutch traditions take over

Thousands of tourists came to Pella once again May 2, 3 and 4 to admire the tulips and indulge in the food, They couldn't have asked for a better weekend.

"The weather during Tulip Time was absolutely ideal... warm, sunny, and no rain! The tulips bloomed right on time, too!" said sophomore Danielle Brillhart.

The Queen, senior Hillary Recker and her Royal Court, composed of seniors Sarah Way, Amy Van Hall, Heather Vande Lune, and Andrea Vander Wilt (Pella Christian), remained involved throughout the three days.

"Tulip Time was a great experience this year; however, we were really busy. From 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day, we were giving performances, riding in the parade, or letting people take pictures of us," said Way.

Many students participated in entertaining the crowds. Jazz I

took the stage Friday night.

"We could have played better, but I think that the tourists enjoyed the show," said sophomore Jasen Dahm.

Forté performed their pom and kick routines Saturday night in front of the Tulip Toren. JV Forté also dazzled the crowd with their tryout routine.

"It was a great opportunity to perform in front of all those people. It really gave us a chance to show off our talents," said freshman Chelsea Pelland.

Seniors Rvan Redman and Scott Mathes volunteered to be spielers on Thursday morning and show tourists around the town.

"Spieling was a great time and experience with Scott. Even though we didn't really know where anything was, and we may have pointed to the wrong houses, we were still the best spielers in town," said Redman.

◆QUEEN OF THE COURT

Senior Hillary Recker waves to a group of seniors yelling her name as they watch the parade. "Tulip Time was an awesome experience for me. I enjoyed meeting lots of tourists, the Dutch Counsel General, and many of the windmill workers. I also enjoyed making memories with the girls on my court. It was an opportunity I'll never forget," said Recker.



Taylor Lind, Travis Bogaard, Ben Bollard







Varsity Girls' Basketball Team Derek Forsythe, Michael Langenfeld, Ashley Sponsler

Did You Know?

Approximately 100 students were involved in Carnaby Club.

Carnaby Club has been in existence for approximately 32 years.

Dick Redman and Guy Blair have been involved in Carnaby Club for 24 years by directing bands and performing with faculty members in musical numbers.

* DANCE TO THE MUSIC

Show choir members seniors Alicia Broach, Melissa Pierson and juniors Michael Trotter and Amy Cline dance during their performance. "We put in a lot of effort to choreograph and teach the new show choir set. Alicia (Broach) and I didn't have complete cooperation from everyone. With all of our practices though, I know that everybody did their best job and performed stunningly well," said Trotter.



◆ "ONE MORE TIME"

Singing lead vocals and bass guitar for the band Incarnadine is sophomore Rvan Boswell. "I don't know if we'll stick with the name of the band. but it was a lot of fun. I thought we had two really good performances, and I hope we can do it again sometime," said Boswell.



♦"BOOGIE WOOGIE" TRIO

Juniors Tiffany Pol, Billi Ellingson, Andrea Brobst and Lindsay McFarland sing in the junior triple trio, "We felt our triple trio wasn't as prepared as years past. We still felt good about our performance, and I love being a part of that group," said Ellingson.



*FACULTY "HOPS" IN

Faculty members Les Carter, Derek Stratton, and Matt Schulte sing "At the Hop" with other staff members. "It was fun. Anytime you do something with Dick Redman, it can be a fun time. Its also fun to do things you know, like 'At the Hop,'" said Carter.

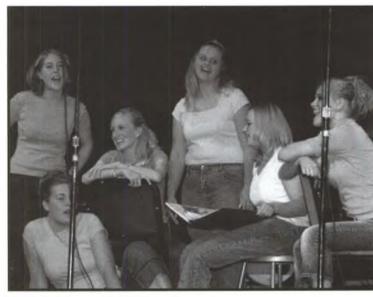
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PLAY IT, MEGAN

"I thought Carnaby Club went well, and it had a lot of variety. It was good entertainment for young and old. It went smoothly. There was a lot of talent involved," said sophomore Megan McCombs. McCombs played a trumpet solo for Jazz II's performance and was also in show choir, sophomore triple trio and a duet.





"ONE FINE" TRIO

"Our triple trio song went well this year. We had fun; we practiced and we got the performance we wanted," said senior Jennifer Spoelstra. Spoelstra is pictured with classmate Alicia Broach, Heather VandeLune Amanda VanderHart, Mega McConville, and Melissa Pierson.





Lindsay Graham



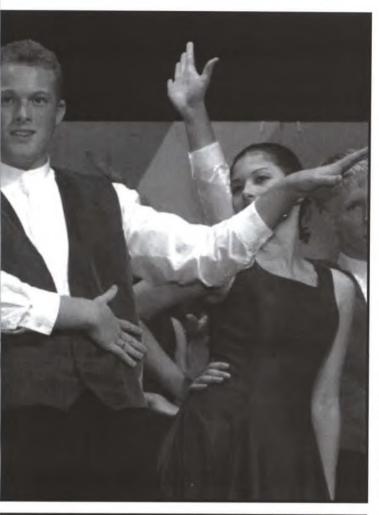


Becky Steenhoek, Emma VanderWell



Samantha McCurry













Dick Redman



Alison Corbett

showing

Practice makes perfect as students showcase their talents

Carnaby Club (May 17-18) offered a variety of acts ranging from solos to large group ensembles.

Large group performances included show choir and the jazz bands. All three of the jazz bands were able to play their sets over the two-night span. Show choir introduced new choreography by junior Michael Trotter and senior Alicia Broach.

"There was a lot of preparation for our performance, and I think the work we put into it equaled the results we got," said sophomore Danielle Descoteau.

Many ensembles helped fill the program as well. The senior, junior, sophomore and freshman triple trios sang their pieces. The drum line came together to play a rendition of "Late in the Evening." Faculty members joined in as well, singing and dancing to "At the Hop." A student band, Incarnadine, performed their song, "One More Time."

"I was really nervous, but performing was fun," said freshman triple trio member Monica Davids.

Solos were another way students showcased their talents. Seniors Ryan Redman and Chris Westra, juniors Samantha McCurry and Michael Trotter, and sophomores Alison Corbett, Megan McCombs, and Richard Speirenberg all performed solos or duets.

"I thought Incarnadine was the best band out there. I feel Ryan (Boswell) could have gotten any girl he wanted. The rest of Carnaby Club was good. Ryan Redman did a phenomenal job doing a rendition of Blast. The rest of the show was a bit below par compared to others in the past, but it was enjoyable nonetheless," said junior Kyle Simpson.

With about 100 students participating in 19 acts, Carnaby Club was a time for students to show off their musical talents.

+ BLASTING THE DRUMS

Senior Ryan Redman pounds his snare drum during his solo "Blast" routine. "The crowd seemed to enjoy it; it was a fun solo," said **Redman**.



Alexis Raugh



David Trotter



Richard Spierenburg



Monica Davids



Kate Hamlin



Define Yourself Through

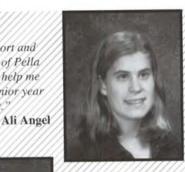


Laughter is the best medicine unless you are diabetic. Then, insulin is the best medicine.

Jacob Abee



as a place that holds some of my best and not so wonderful memories. I have met some of the best friends I will ever



crisp for lunch, and al my new friends. I hope you all will come visit me in Germany some day!

Lwill never forget m first day of school here, the good apple

Kathrin Aschbache

Will remember PHS by the sports I played. Going to state is something 1 will never forget. It was a great experience playing and gaining friendships along the way.

Tyler Beerends



have."

Ashley Belloma

No Response. Joshua Blauw



"There were some frustrations and some hard times, but in the end, it gave me many great memories. I'll remember it for all the good times and lasting friendships.'

"The support and

welcoming of Pella

students to help me

make my senior year

great.

Alicia Broach



"I will remember it a a place where I grew up with my childhood friends doing everything from dress up days at Homecom ing to dressing up fo prom.

Elisabeth Bru



"Open campus for seniors." Kimme-Jo Bouwers



hen reminiscing about high school days, most seniors talked about memories with friends, family, vacations, or other events that took place outside of school. But what about all the memories of school itself?

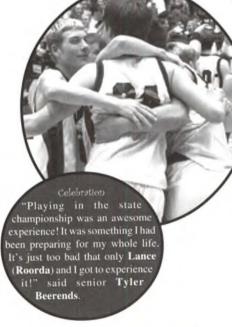
Many seniors will remember the way that long-lived traditions changed during their last year of high school. Although most students had negative attitudes concerning the changes, senior Suzanne Corum felt that it only made the class of 2002 come together even more.

"Out of all years, I think this is the year our class really pulled together. Whether it was wearing our 'call 911' shirts, camping out at Ashley's (Sponsler), t.p.ing the school, or anything else, we finally created unity, Corum said.

Other seniors will remember Pella Hig School for a favorite class or a teacher that made learning more enjoyable.

"Mr. Woolery is my favorite teacher. He' easy to talk to, and he's very laid back. I' always remember him because he made En glish and speech fun," said senior Jacind Bouwers.

While most seniors were excited to ge away from home, go to college, and begin new way of life, they will carry with them th memories created during the years at Pell High.







Alicia Broach











Will remember Petta High by all of the memories that I made with my friends.

LaMart Baccam



Nø comment. Dustin Baker



unexpected changes of our senior year by the administration. Steven Beaver

The unusual and

Good times with good friends and a lot of homework at Smokey Row, John Bogaard



Will remember all the fun times throughout the years, and also how no matter what we did, our class would get in trouble. Jeffrey Booy



VII remember PHS as a difficult time in my life, but there were also the good times at homecoming, sporting events, and prom to remember.

Jacinda Bouwers



No comment. Stephanie Carr



"School spirit that we have for our sports. Scott Clark



Twill remember all the good times in wrestling and football, and all of the changes that happened during the years I was here.

John Cogley

The sudden change and lack of fun that some of our administration caused and how it only made our class come together and rebel against them. Suzanne Corum



"Learning more about other classmates while staying close to my life-long friends.' Renee DeKock



sophomore year cause the administrators were lax about everything. I have good memories of hanging out with friends, 'the hill,' and partying.

Scott DePrenger



Stats of 2002

What has been the biggest reason you chose the college that you did?

Academic program offered Location 19% Cost Size



For many seniors, the annual senior ski trip was a highlight of the year. Before leaving, they gathered together for pictures prior to bruises and backaches. "The highlight of the day was seeing Brandyn (Van Zante) fall on his face!" said senior Jacob Ahee.

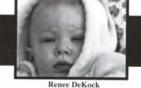


Boyfriend/girlfriend going 2%









LaMart Baccam

Define Yourself Through...

Influences



My greatest influence was camping with my friends. When I was with them, I was able to be the true person Vam

Kenny DeVries



My greatest influence is the wonderful administration this school has to offer and their willingness to subside to the students needs.

Matt DeVries



My greatest influences are my friends. Without them, high school would suck!

Clint Dingeman

"My parents are my greatest influences because they have akways encouraged me to strive for success.

Joe Fernandez



Mygreatest influence has been my friend, Tyler, frøm Ottumwa begause he is hilarious and doesn't care what anyone thinks about him.

Philip Fitch



My few true friends who have stood by me through good times and hard times. I will always remember the fun times we've shared, and I know our friendship will stand forever.

Jessica Grier

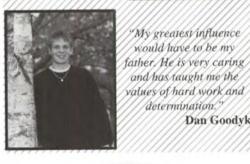


Jennifer Floden

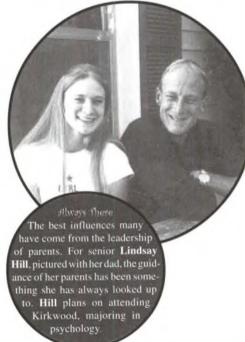


My biggest influence is my family. They have helped shape me into the girl V am today.

Holli Hill







Influences push for... Achievement!

he greatest influences help make students the people they become. Many different individuals influenced the members of the Class of 2002.

Many looked up to those who made coming to school and learning an adventure: teachers.

"Teachers had a direct impact on my interest and success in the class. If the teacher interacted. I was more motivated to learn, rather than those who lectured all the time," said senior Holli Hill.

Others admired family members. Since birth, parents taught lessons about life that

could not be learned in school; they were the to push seniors to their full potentials.

"My mom has influenced me to go to co lege to work with the mentally handicapped said senior Michelle Jones. "She has helpe me in my search to find the right college."

A great influence many have are best friend Few understand the pain and joys of hig school better than classmates who have share the school days.

"It makes the days go by quicker when yo have someone to joke around with," said s nior Adam Larson.





Holli Hill



Jenn Freeman







A feel my parents have been my greatest înfluences in my life because they always push me to do my best in anything V do.

Carson Eggland



My brother, Paul, is my influence because he's an outgoing person. He has made barriers for me to break, even if I am scared. He says I do the same for him.

Allison Emerick



My dad is my greatest influence because of all the things he does for me!

Bob Eslick

Rosie O'Donnell is friendly, funny, and entertaining That's all the qualities I admire in a person. Jenn Freeman



My friends have had a great influences for me. They are always there for me and have been great people to have in my life,

Rachel Fugitt



Mr. (Eric) Pingel has been a great influence because he was a good coach and a great friend. He gave me the confidence V needed to be my best

Bryan George



My parents are my greatest influence because they always push me to do good things and help me to achieve my goals.

Lindsay Hill



My friends are the greatest influence 1 have because I'm with them all the time. Luse my own common sense. but they're the ones who influence me the most.

Stacey Hoopes



Myself, During our existence in this world, I find selfreliance is vital. Whenever V get glum or disenfranchised with the world, I turn to my number one, myself.

Rvan Hulleman

My mom and teachers are my greatest influences because they have taught me everything Vueed to know. Robin Jarnagin



Vye always looked up to my cousing Josh Hamre. He's a good influence. Michelle Jones



My greatest influences are my friends because they've always been there for me, and most of the time they can be my greatest confidant.

Lindsey Kiefaber



Stats of 2002

For your living arrangements are you:

Being placed with a roommate by the school 43%

Sharing a dorm with a friend

Sharing an apartment 22%

Living at home with family 10%

Living alone 1%



For senior Jennifer Floden. left, her decision to become a youth pastor was greatly influenced by the leadership of her youth pastor. Lonney Moore. Floden plans on attending Central College in the fall, majoring in pre-ministerial religion.







Define Yourself Through ...

Life Lessons



"I have learned to be patient with people who make me angry, and kind to those who I don't care for,"

Erica Knoll



"Take one day at a time and live it to the fullest. Don't let anyone tell you how to live your days because they're yours and you don't know when the days will stop!"

Staci Kruseman



"Don't waste your high school years being mad! You're only in high school once... live it up."

Wade Lam



Jaysen Lopez



"Have lots of giggles, and make as many memories as you can." Mirinda LoThi



"If you don't have your homework done, find someone who does,"

Matt LoVan





"Stay away from trouble, make friends that you can always trust, and always be honest with yourself and others."

Léa McIntosh



"Time flies by, and if you don't act quick on what you want, it may be too late."

Matt Melhus



"Vo set goals in life know your priorities and keep them straight."

Jenny Meyer

Never lose the... Experience!

hroughout the years, seniors learned many lessons about life.

In elementary school, students were taught that all people are different and must learn to get along with each other. It would later be discovered that this lesson could be useful in some of life's situations.

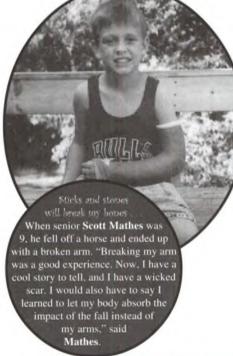
"Even though we learned to accept people in elementary school, people didn't really start applying this until their senior year when they realized they might not ever see their friends again," said senior Carl Lovell.

Middle school brought stress for many students, especially on a social level.

Senior Mirinda LoThi said, "Middle school was just so 'dramatic'. Everyday you had a new best friend and/or boyfriend. I hate middle schoolers, they ruin everything, especially at movies. Grr."

Once high school came around students had to learn to be individuals and stand up for themselves.

"My senior year I have learned that if you don't voice your opinion, things will never change, like paying \$3 for a parking legally," said senior Matt Melhus.



130 Santors

Erica Knoll

8

Staci Kruseman



Megan Laughlin





Scott Mathes

Megan McConville



Do your best, but always focus on making your best better ... challenge yourself. Jonathan Landon



"Stick with 'it' and believe in yourself. Never give up, and if it gets a little tough just pash on; it will get easier."

Adam Larson



Love and be loved in return) Megan Laughlin





Don't buy drugs out of a drive-up window. Scott Mathes



Accept other people, try all new experiences, and never take a day for granted. Megan McConville





and just live it up.

Ws all fun and games until sømeone loses an eve. Mike Mitchell

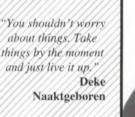


"My activities have taught me á lót ábout myself - that I don't need to live up to anyone's expectations but my own?"

Jenni Moore



No Comment, Matt Mullen





"Nothing is truly impossible with hard work, perserverance and more hard work. Sergio Navarro



Stats of 2002

What are your plans after graduating from high school?

Immediately attending public 4-year school Immediately attending private 4-year school 30%

Not attending school

Entering military service



expresses herself through dance on drill team night, "The greatest lesson I've learned in dance is that confidence is the key. I know through experience when you dance you have to believe in yourself and love what you do. It's true that you should dance like no one is watching, then you can truly enjoy what you do," said Laughlin.

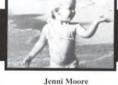












Matt Melhus

Mirinda LoThi

Deke Naaktgeboren

Define Yourself Through ...

Family



"I will miss being able to have talks with my family and them always being there for me."

Tara Neal



"I'm going to miss my mom giving me money and her cooking for me."

Diana Nguyen



"A already miss watching movies with my dad in Poland and talking to him."

Michal Nowal





"I'll miss the time I' spend with my family while sitting next to the fire watching old movies."

Randy Ozinga



"I'm going to be more alone, but I'll miss having help from my parents on making decisions,"

John Pao





"I'll miss coming
home every day to the
support of my family
and watching my dad
watch the lowa
games. He can gey
pretty crazy!"
Karrie Peterson

"VII miss spending time with them and having someone to talk to."

Lisa Phiy

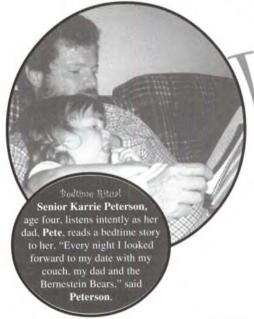


"Y'll miss having everything done for me and also not having to be responsible for as many things."

Dustin Piero

The time has come to ...

Move On!



hen most seniors think of college, being homesick isn't an issue. But, they would admit there are many things they will miss about their families. As they look back on their lives, they realize that their families have played a role in the shaping of who they are today.

"To my family I am a ball of clay as they try to improve my flaws. They continue to mold me into the person I am today," said senior Josh Printz.

For some seniors there were always the days when their families found a way to get on 0 their nerves, and they wished that college would come a lot sooner.

"I've definitely had those moments where would have been willing to move out and sta college early, but as much as my parents and bicker, I know that we still love each other said senior **Ashley Pavlat**.

Many memories have been made between the seniors and their families that they'll never forget.

"I will always cherish the times when make family and I would get together just to tall about life," said senior **Dustin Pierce**.

The time had finally come for the seniors move on and experience life's obstacles. Fanily influences helped seniors overcome barriers that may stand in their way.





Karrie Peterson

Darci Pleima

Pleima Melissa Piers



"I'll miss seeing and talking to my family everyday, and VII miss pitching with my dad."

Julia Nurse



"Honestly Vam excited to be on my own and have my own freedoms. I don't know what VII miss; if you ask me in a year, I'll be able to tell you?

Lindsay Okerberg



The not going so miss my family since I'm going to be living at home, but VU miss my friends when they go to college!

Jenny Overbergen

I'm going to mass my baby brothers, but at least VV get to see them grow since I'll be at Central!



"Lwill miss my dog, Claire, and my mother's cooking." Hilary Pearson



Um going to miss the family dinners and just having them around.

Lindsey Pearson



I'll miss the advice my brothers give me and my parents home-cooked meals. Melissa Pierson



Tm going to miss my parents always being there to support and encourage me since I'll be far away.

Heather Pippel



I will miss all the warm, home-cooked meals, along with just seeing my parents every night or so.

Matt Pitkin





"I'm going to miss just having the presence of my family every day.

Jeremy Pridgen



Obviously, Lwill miss the home-cooked meals, but also the quality time I spend with my siblings and parents.

Josh Printz



Stats of 2002

Are you concerned about getting homesick after graduating?

Not concerned about it Concerned about it

What will you miss most after leaving Pella?

Friends Family

Not leaving

Significant other 7%











Define Yourself Through ...

Your Future



In 20 years I see myself married with four kids living in a small town probably teaching and coaching.

In 20 years, V see myself with a beautiful wife and three loving kids in a big luxurious house. I will have a successful eareer.'

Pete Randol



Hopefully, I will be a successful pediatrician with a family of 2-3 children.

Hillary Recker

"I see myself retired from my high-paying C.E.O. job and living the good life with my beautiful wife in a New York pent house.

Ryan Redman



'V see myself as an accomplished graphic design artist with a wife and kids.

Adam Roorda



Down the road I see myself as a successful elementary school teacher. Married and raising three beautiful children.'

Katie Roorda





"I see myself married with a medium size family and a good paying job.

Joey Rozendaal

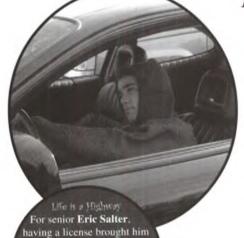


"I'll be living in a large lake side mansion near Party Cove in the Ozarks? Eric Salter



V see myself as an old guy living on the beach back in California. I'll also be driving a Ferrari. **Matt Santiag**

Planring ahead for your...



some trouble. "It isn't neat to

have your house surrounded by cops for a 'minor' speeding

ticket," said Salter, who has

had five different cars and

numerous speeding

tickets

inally the year arrived for the class of 2002 to graduate from high school and move on into the next chapter of their lives. It was time to start planning for their future. Their first step came in one of the most difficult decisions they were ever faced with: what to do after high school.

Some will dive right into the work field and begin life on their own.

"I am planning on going to work after high school. I am not sure where yet, but in the field of mechanics," said senior Michael Schreiner.

While some will stay near home, others will travel far to attend college or work.

Senior Matt Santiago will be moving back

"Next year I'll probably be attending Ca Poly. I think that it will be nice to get back to warm California and be able to see my fam ily," said Santiago.

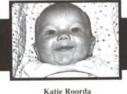
Many of the seniors realized that this time of innocence was over, and it was time to grow up and enter the real world.

The choices that the students were making now will greatly affect their futures and wher they end up in life.

Senior Jennifer Spoelstra said, "I feel th decisions I'm making now will get me a goo job that will last a long time."



Julie Rietema







...I would like to

see myself finan-

cially stable

working for a good

business firm, and I

hope to have a

Mike Richards

lovely wife.



I will be retiring

and watching my

cids' extracurricular

Lance Roorda

activities."

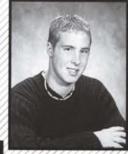
"I see myself
owning my own
business, probably
a nursery or
greenhouse. I hope
to be married and
possibly starting my
own family."

Jessica Reeves



"In 20 years,
hopefully, I'll be
married with kids.
I'll be a graphic
design freelancer
from home living in
Colorado."

Katie Ross



"... be a CEO ... living in NYC... have an attractive husband who is a musician, Maybe we'll throw in a couple of kids."

Allison Roush



"I want to be directing high school students in the musical area. Hopefully, I'll be married with two kids."

Katie Sopher



"I will be working as an auto mechanic and own my own car customizing shop." Michael Schreiner



"I hope to be a successful optometrist with a loving family, somewhere still in lowa,"

ill in Iowa," Laura Sopher



Hopefully, I'll own

my own business,

maybe a spa resort

in the southwestern

region. I hope to

have a family

of 2-3 kids.

Brianne Schutte

Wow, in 20 years,

eh, I don't know, I

will probably be

dead by then or

Tyler Rempe

something.

"I want to own my own spa with a great family in a warm place." Jennifer Spoelstra



Stats of 2002

Graduates attending a school in Iowa or out of Iowa:

In Iowa 82% Out of State 17%

Students will attend:

All Male schools 1%

Do you intend on attending a graduate school?

No 56%

Yes 33% Undecided 11%



Hillary Recker



During her free hour Katie

Ross puts on her headphones and turns up her music. "It helps me to relax and get

my work done," said

Allison Roush



Brianne Schutte



Katie Sopher



Jennifer Spoelstra



Memories



"When Katie Ross

dared me on the

senior ski trip to ear

a cupfull of nacho

cheese. I did it for a

cup of hot

Stephanie Thomas

chocolate.

Before the last day of our junior year, Amy Van Hall and I dressed up in huge hats, old shirts and sat in lawn chairs with barbie lunch boxes. When a car passed, we'd strike a pose. Ashley Sponsler



My junior year V turned 16, so Renee DeKock and I had a big birthday party. We played a lot of silly games, vode horses, stayed up late, and watched movies. It was fun just hanging out. Sarah VanderHart



At lunch David Van Wyk left the table, so we took his milk and were tossing it around. He returned raging and asked what happened to his milk, Wade Lamb then spit his milk all over Matt DeVries. Kevin Ulmer



My friends and I went to Colorado for spring break. It was quite an experience cooking for ourselves. Even though the food wasn't great at times, we managed and had a great time,

Brian Steenhoek



"On the band trip to Florida we took pictures of Deke Naaktgeboren sitting on the bed in his boxers. We put one in the Pelladium. Austin



Going to the Warped Tour with Matt DeVries, Kyle Simpson and Justin Hoist. We had a superb time watching excellent performers and seeing old ladies with purple hair. Cory VandeKieft



"Some of the crazy

things that happened

at Scott DePrenger's

barn, like when Clint

Dingeman danced

wildly on top of the

baleony of speakers."

Dustin Studer

were putting whipped cream on our faces an playing with our food at lunch. The authorit figures felt that it was inappropriate so we had to eat lunch in th office for a week." Shelley Vander Wer

VanderLinden Leaving with a lifetime of ...

Seniors Dustin Studer and Matt Overbergen enjoy each others' company. Each day during lunch seniors would gather together to reminisce about the past and

Experiences!

emories: unforgettable experiences that come at any time in one's life. These can be experiences that one does not want to remember, but at other times, they are too good to be forgotten.

Senior Kevin Ulmer said, "High school has its ups and downs, but when you look back, you'll remember how much fun you had, not the bad times."

Every year students are told to make the best of their senior year, not to take anything for granted and make as many memories as possible. It was then up to the individual to take heed to this advice.

"I think memories are made when we least expect them to happen," said senior Heather Vande Lune.

Each person will remember Pella High for something different, whether it be the school lunches or time spent with friends.

"I have seen and have done many different things throughout high school, but I will always remember Pella High for two reasons: cowboys and cake, because I have yet to see either of the two in this school," said senior Cory VandeKieft.



talk about the future.



Brian Steenhoek



Cory VandeKieft



Stephanie Thomas



Kevin Ulmer



Sarah VanderHart



Austin VanderLinden



Heather Vande Lu

Whave a lot of

good memories

from seventh hour

study hall my

freshman year.

Liz Thomas



My friends and I gathered together very Thursday night o watch Must See T.V. and ear Pizza Hut pizza, It was something to look forward to each week.

Heather Vande Lune



One weekend Sarah Way, Mirinda Lothi, Heather Vande Lune. and I put a dead raccoon in the back of Austin Vander Linden's truck. This tarted scoop-in-bag. Amy Van Hall



"All the weekends I spent watching movies with my friends. Those weekends provided me with many more memories that will last a lifetime. Grant VanDenBerg



Elizabeth Summitt

"A 2 1/2 hour car ride home from state

soccer turned into a 7

1/2 hour ride. Karrie

Peterson claimed to

know landmarks she

had never seen before.

Allison Roush wanted

to punch her."

The slumber party at Ashley Sponsler's house. We dressed crazy to make music videøs. Everyone started talking to me in my sleep. I guess I said some strange things." Katie

Van Dusseldorp



In the summer going to Adventureland with Megan Laughlin, Renee DeKock, and Darci Pleima, Every ride Megan and I rode we sang TWill Survive'. Many people looked at us weird." Amanda VanderHart



and excused myself from school, I went to Osky and hung out with my friends. The best part was I didn't get caught. Chelsea Van Gorp

The senior class joins

together after the powder puff game to celebrate their ictory against the sophomore junior team. The event was held Sept. 24 to start off the homecoming week.



Stats of 2002

What will you remember most about your high school activities?

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Going to the Lake of

the Ozarks with Deke

Naaktgeboren every

summer. We drove by

ourselves sophomore

summer, and I will

never forget the

memories we had.

Matt VandeVoort





Amanda VanderHart









Matt VandeVoort



Chelsea VanGorp

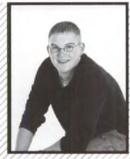
Elizabeth Summitt

Define Yourself Through ...

Friends



"My friends have been there when I needed advice or a shoulder to cry on, especially if guys are involved." Mary BethVan Maanen



"It is great to be able to be there for others, but when it comes to your friends, they will always be there for you when you need them."

Aaron Van Rees



"I'm ready to be done with high school, but will miss seeing a lot o my friends that I get to see every day now."

Wade Van Weelde

"My friends have made my senior year better because we have had a lot of free time to play basketball or just chill at someone's house."

Brandyn Van Zante



helped me change over my high school yours. I think I have learned from their mistakes, and they have helped me through mine." Jackie Van Zante

My friends have



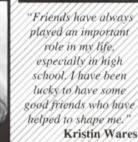
influenced me in many ways. Some have led me to good things, and others to bad." Logan Van Zante

My friends have



"My friends have kept me down to earth, and Mey've made me try to become a better person."

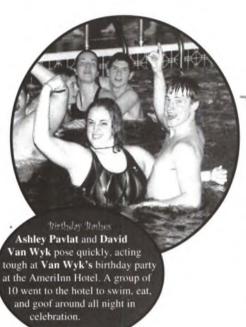
Chris Westra





Thave had great friends in high school, During my senior year I have had the chance to make a lot of new friends, too. I am thankful for the happiness they have given me."

Sarah Way



The times remembered...

riend; one who was there through hard times, and one who was there to have fun and make memories with you. Many had had the same friends throughout their school years.

"I have had many of the same friends since I was in grade school. Those friends are the ones that I know I can count on anytime," said **Kassi Van Wyk**.

Sarah Way said, "I'm really going to miss my friends that I've seen almost every day for the past 10 years, but I hope we can still stay in close contact."

Most people didn't realize until they got to college how much they depended on their friends throughout high school.

"I knew that I could always count on my friends, no matter what day or what time and now I know I'm going to have to find a way to get new friends at college," said Jackie Van Zante.

Whether going to the same college as a best friend or moving on to a completely different state, keeping in touch may be hard

"I know a lot of people going to the same college as I am, so it will be easy to keep in touch, but those going far away I'll stil keep in contact with - hopefully," said Brandyn Van Zante.





Visser Kassi Yan Wyk



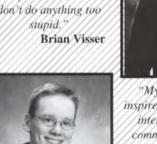
ante Brandyn Van Zante



an Zante Jonathan Whalley



My friends have influenced me by ways telling me what they think so that I



"My friends have inspired me to be more intellectual in my communication and insulting. They introduced me to being smart in school...it worked, I'm smart! Jonathan Whalley

"My friends have

always been there to

keep me going ... help

me through the bad

times and have fun

during the good times

person. My friends are

the best.

made me a better

David Van Wyk

choose what is right and wrong. Josh Yang

My friends have influenced me during igh school by helping



My friends have been very important to me throughout high school. We've had some great times, and they've helped me grow and be a better person?

Sunny Visser



Friends have been a signifigant and influential part of my high school career. 1 will forever treasure the great memories we have made over the last four years!"

Kassi Van Wyk



Friends are like fish without water. They keep you going and are always there for you? Jennifer Wolf



"High school would have been more fun if everyone wasn't trying to be a perfect product of this high school." Zac Van Wyk



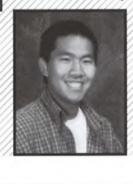
Vam going to miss my friends, but UV always keep in touch. My friends have not really had that much of an impact on me though during high school. Nicki Wicynski





'My friends have been great throughout high school and have helped me out a lot."

Tricia Wright



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Kristin Wares



Mary Beth Van Maanen



Zac Van Wyk







Twelve of the seniors who

helped tp the school gather before heading off on their mission. A large group of the class took part the night before going back to class Jan. after winter break.

Did You Know?

☆The Class of 2002 numbered 139; of those 139, 12 graduated with honors, 15 were in National Honor Society.

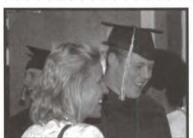
♦CELEBRATING WITH FRIENDS

Seniors Megan Laughlin and Julia Nurse celebrate immediately after commencement. Nurse said, "My favorite part about graduation was all of the parties because I got to see my friends, but it was kind of sad because we won't all be together next year." Laughlin and Nurse continued to celebrate together at their joint graduation reception on May 25.



+THE BIG PICTURE

Senior Cory Vande Kieft encouraged students to chase their dreams saying, "Our future can be a direct result of our dreams, and in order for this to happen, we first have to believe in ourselves. ... I learned that making your dreams come true is a mental process, and your brain doesn't know the difference between what you've actually done and what you tell yourself you've done."



*****A HELPING HAND

Senior Wade Lamb gathers with his mother, Chris, following graduation. "My family has been a true blessing throughout graduation because they took all the stress off my shoulders with helping me plan for parties and helping me know where to be and when to be there," said Lamb.



+CHEERS!

Graduation parties were a big deal for seniors, not only to host, but to attend as well. Senior Elisabeth Bruss said, "It was hard to get to all the parties that I wanted to go to. It was fun to see all the pictures from over the last 18 years, and remember the memories that went along with them."



+MEMORY LANE

One of the things many seniors look forward to is seeing all of the table displays. "I liked going to other peoples graduation parties and looking at childhood pictures and remembering the good old times hanging out with my friends and playing sports," said senior Carson Eggland.





♦Speech! Speech! Speech!

"I was so nervous I decided not to eat all day, as I fear if I would have consumed any food it would surely come back up at the podium," said senior Ashley Pavlat regarding her graduation speech. Pavlat also offered the prayer at the baccalaureate service the Sunday prior to graduation.





Jennifer Freeman



Bryan George



Ali Angel, Jacob Ahee



Jacinda Bouwers, Tyler Beerends



Kassi Van Wyk













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Ceremonies, baccalaureate and parties close seniors' final year

For many students, the May 24 graduation was not just a ceremony where they received diplomas; it was a major rite of passage.

During this passage students made an effort to include everyone significant in their lives, including family, friends, and divine powers. Most students began their celebration with baccalaureate, held May 19 at First Reformed Church.

"During baccalaureate the songs were what meant the most to me. especially the first two. However, I was definitely touched by it all," said senior Lindsey Kiefaber.

Many seniors also took time to celebrate with family and friends through receptions.

"Party hopping was a lot of fun. Jennifer Spoelstra and I hit 19 parties on Saturday afternoon, both in and out of Pella. Unfortunately, we couldn't try everyone's food due to the large number of parties we went to," said senior Katie Sopher.

♦ Honoring the honor grads

Seniors Staci Kruseman and Jonathan Landon stand in recognition of their outstanding academic ef-

At the commencement ceremony held in Central College's Kuyper Gymnasium, seniors were greeted by Superintendent Mark Wittmer and Principal Mark Lee. and then addressed by classmates Ashley Pavlat and Cory Vande Kieft and speech teacher Steven Woolery.

Pavlat reminded seniors. "Awards make us feel good for awhile, but friends are the reward that will make us feel good all our life."

Board of Education member Mary Van Wyk, father of graduate Zac Van Wyk, then presented the graduates with their diplomas.

"Although graduating is a little sad, I was really excited to get my diploma. I really can't believe that I have already finished high school, and I am now ready to go to college," said senior Brian Steenhoek.

Senior Matt DeVries summed up the whole event in four words: "Wow! What an experience!"

fort. Students who obtained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 were recognized and wore honor medallions.



Mary Van Wyk. Steven Reaver



Katie Van Dusseldorp, Courtney Fleenor



Randy Ozinga



Rachel Fugitt, Matt Pitkin Matt DeVries





humorous Grade

Faces in the Crowd



Freshman Josiah Carter has an exotic fish for a pet - a piranha that he's had for three years. Carter said, "The best part is when my brother tries to feed him, he tries to bite my brother."

Freshman Luisa Orticelli has many family members who live in Brazil. "We went this summer for three months; that was cool because we haven't gone since fifth grade," said Orticelli, pictured with her twin Bruno.



A Word from the President

There isn't anything good about being a freshman. It sucks! Homecoming wasn't that great; it was kind of embarrassing when we were practically booed off stage, and I was glad when it was over. Next year will be a lot better. All the upperclassmen despise the freshmen, even other class presidents, but I don't blame them because I will be doing the same thing when I'm a senior. Being a freshman also stinks because we can't drive anywhere.

Jill Van Vark

Jill Van Vark, Class President

What is the best part about being a freshman?

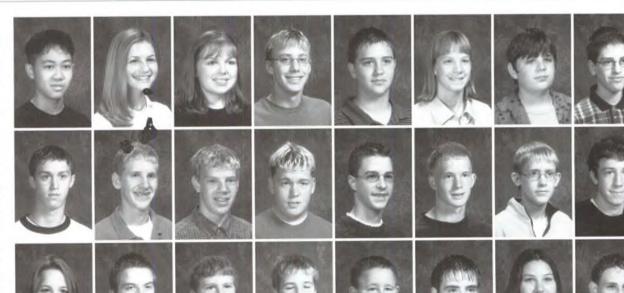


- •"There is none." Freshman Zach Hogan
- •"More freedom; older guys." Freshman Kelly Hoopes
- "More things to do." Freshman Lacey Pender
- "... more opportunities, like intramurals." Freshman Joe Langenfeld
- "Just being in high school, but that's really the only thing."
- Freshman Robert Bruss

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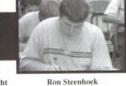
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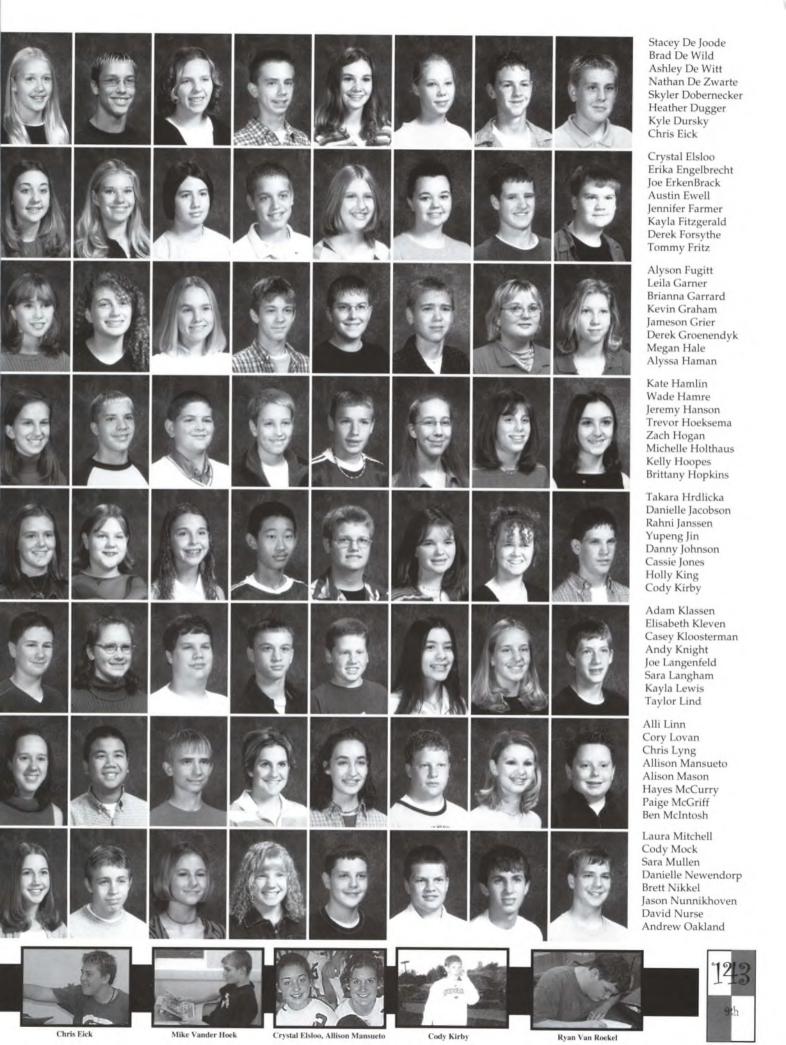


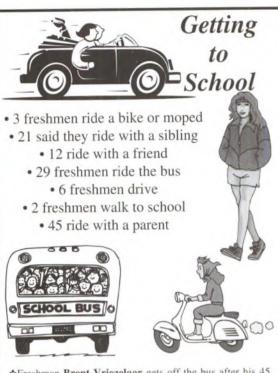






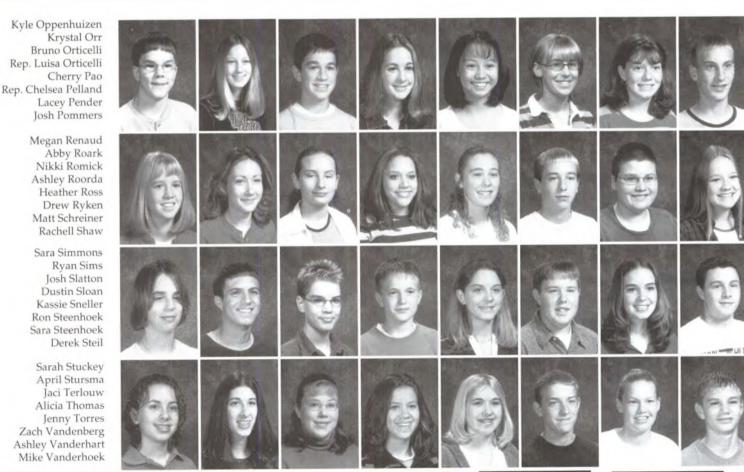
Erika Englebrecht, Sara Steenhoek, Allison Mansueto





Freshman Brent Vriezelaar gets off the bus after his 45 minute ride from his home in Park Hills. "The only problem with riding the bus is sometimes there are too many people on the bus so it gets very crowded," said Vriezelaar.



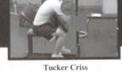
















Kelli Van Wyk

Freshman Heather Dugger was one of 45 reshman who got a ride to school with parents ach day. Dugger said that the worst part was hat her mom rushed her a lot. "The best part vas I could leave whenever I wanted to get to chool," said Dugger.

Dnly two freshmen listed walking as their vay to get to school, making it the least-used node of transportation for freshmen. Freshman Kyle Dursky said the worst part of getting to school for him was if his alarm lock failed. The best part was "... I can leave little later," said Dursky.

Freshmen find ways to get to school

Getting to school was often a challenge for freshmen...

Freshman Austin Ewell gets a ride from his brother, junior

Scott Ewell, in the morning.

"I ride with my brother. I like the stereo in my brother's car. Hopefully, in a year, I'll get his car," said Ewell.

Others ride the bus, including freshman Rvan Van Roekel.

"I like it because I don't need to get a car," said Van Roekel.

Some freshmen are dropped off by their parents, including freshman Lindsy Blair, who gets a ride from her dad (band instructor Guy Blair).

"My dad brings me to school everyday. It's okay, but I have to come to school early," said Blair.



OFreshman Yupeng Jin arrives at school. Jin said he usually got a ride with his mother. "Going to school is pretty easy," said Jin. "The bad thing is when my mom picks me up. It is hard to back up from the parking lot."



Adam Zemanek



Ricky Widmar Aleshia Williams Jordan Williams Amanda Wills Ranson Worstell Heidi Wouterse Kristen Wright



Naina Barnett



Bobbi Van Zante, Alicia Thomas





Alyssa Haman



Heather Linn, Sara Steen



Faces in the Crowd



Sophomore Josh Jaarsma has been collecting things for as long as he can remember. He collects everything from plastic rings to pop cans. "I have a lot of really cool stuff, but my pizza boxes are my favorite," said Jaarsma.

Sophomore Micaela Grob spent one month in Switzerland this summer with her sister visiting her grandma. "My favorite part was when my sister and I went to Greece for a week by ourselves," said Grob. Daniela Grob, their aunt, Micaela Grob



A Word from the President

Being a sophomore has a mediocre feeling. We're not upperclassmen yet, but we're out of the naive, wide-eyed freshmen stage. Finding classrooms isn't a problem and no more dodging big bullies out to get the little ones because now we have befriended them. Upperclassmen let off a little. We know the issues, we know the people, and we know where we belong and where not to belong.

Specifically, our class is grrrrreat! A lot of sophomores have been going out of their typical high school cliques and getting to know others. We have gotten a lot closer since freshmen year. And, I'm glad to say we're not little freshmen anymore! That's one of the best things about being a sophomore.

Although we don't have the "little freshmen" label, we are still the "little sophomores." That is, "the little sophomores who won overall in homecoming!" Mad props to the heating ducts!

Angela LoThi, Class President

What is the best thing about not being a freshman this year?

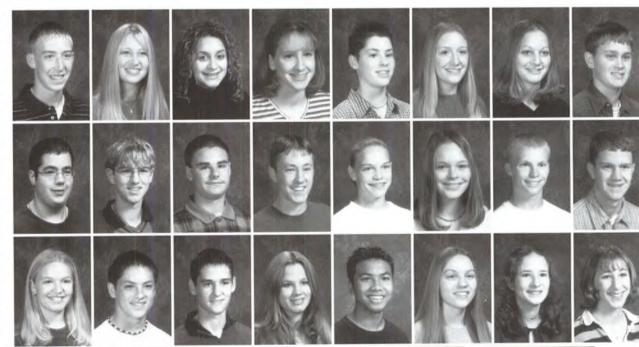
- "We're not at the bottom of the totem pole." Sophomore Jasen Dahm
- •"We have someone to boss around in marching band." Sophomore Paola Espinosa
- •"We have higher seniority and less time until we graduate." Sophomore Jarrett Zieber
- •"We're not new, and we get treated with more respect." Sophomore Alison Van Hal
- "We know how to navigate the hallways." Sophomore Darvin Graham

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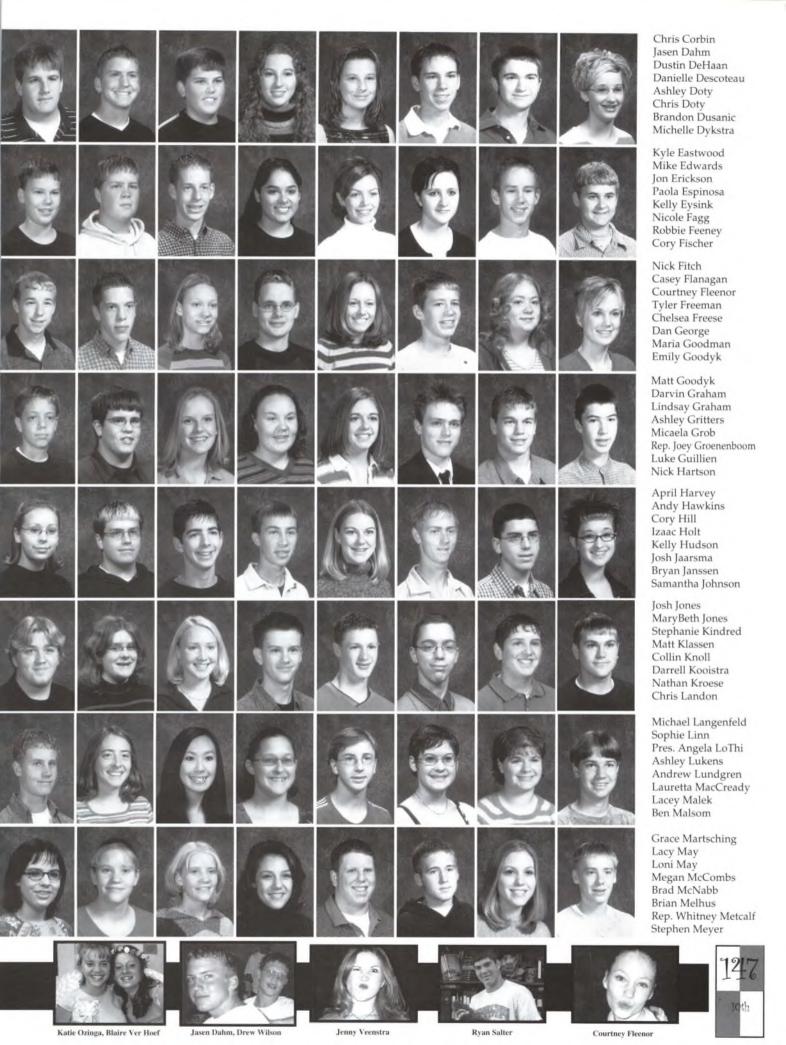
Sophomore Girls











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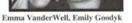


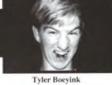
Whitney Metcalf, Tara Sorensen, Jordy Bloodsworth, Rachel Barnes











Seventy-nine of 150 sophomores surveyed (58 percent) said no, their friends do not influence what they wear. "I have my own taste, and they have their own," says sophomore Lisa Yang.

Twenty-seven percent (41 of 150) said yes, their friends influence what they wear. Sophomore Megan McCombs said, "When I see my friends in cool clothes, I want to look good, too."

Fifteen percent (22 of 150) replied that people other than their friends, such as actors/actresses, relatives, magazines, or music artists influence what they wear. "Famous dead people influence what I wear," said sophomore Josh Jaarsma.

Sophs win it all

Do friends influence what students wear? Sophomore Brandon Boat says they do.

"If they didn't, then we'd all be wearing what's comfortable. I rarely see anyone wearing sweats and a t-shirt," said Boat.

Occasionally, sophomores can be seen sporting the "relaxed" look.

Sophomore Darvin Graham said, "I do not try to wear brand name clothing. I see punk music coming up in the U.S., so I just dress like a bum."

Favorite sophomore clothing stores range from Abercrombie and Fitch, American Eagle, the Gap, and The Buckle to stores like Hot Topic, DV8, Target and Gordman's.

"I like to wear brand name stuff, but Target just wins out sometimes. Nothin' beats a \$7 shirt," said sophomore Lauren Birkel.

Magazines and television may also tell their share of what is trendy and what is not.

Sophomore Lindsay Graham said, "I think fashion magazines influence what I wear, but I don't wear it if it doesn't fit my style."

Maintaining a personal style is also important. With all the new trends, similarities could be seen between the new and the old.



Let's get this style! Keeping up with latest trends are sophomores Alice Quangvan and Angela LoThi. They model this year's black boots and big sweaters.

"I see the older trends coming back - the flare jeans, the colors, and the long sweaters are back in style," said sophomore Danielle Brillhart.

Keeping up with new fashions isn't always easy, though.

"You don't want to have to change with every fad. That could cost quite a bit. Then again, you don't want to look or feel left out," said sophomore Louis Vander Streek.

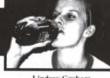


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Karen Williams Drew Wilson Andrew Yang Chung Yang Lisa Yang Jarrett Zieber















Faces in the Crowd



Junior Jill Garvey started jumping horses about three years ago. She has trained two horses to jump three feet. Her favorite kind of jumps are the cross country jumps because they are so big.

Jill Garvey and her horse Copper

For junior Jaimy Van Donselaar, living in a house with 12 siblings who range in age from seven months to 21, makes life interesting in many ways - primarily in that there is rarely silence.



Ten of 12 Van Donselaar children

A Word from the President

Being a junior is probably one of the best experiences you'll face in high school. I mean, when you're a freshman, everything is new to you; you flinch every time an upperclassman so much as looks at you. Once you hit sophomore year, you think you know how the school works because you have completed a year. Your head gets so big you drag it along side as you walk through the halls. And, for that reason, everyone despises the cocky little munchkins. Senior year seems fun; however, we aren't seniors yet, so obviously it can't be the best year. Now that we're juniors, we've finally met upperclass status, so our egos are now twice the size they used to be. Sure, the classes are tougher, but who's real worried about their GPA nowadays? This is also the year where you start building the stepping stones for your future with the ACTs, the SATs, the ITEDs and more. Eleventh grade is both an enjoyable and an important time in one's high school career.

Kyle Simpson, Class President

What is it like being an upperclassman?



- •"More respect." Junior Dan Wichhart
- •"The teachers are more helpful." Junior Yoraidyl Pao
- •"People more friendly."- Junior Ray J. Lovell
- •"There are more classes to chose from." -Junior Nancy Phiv

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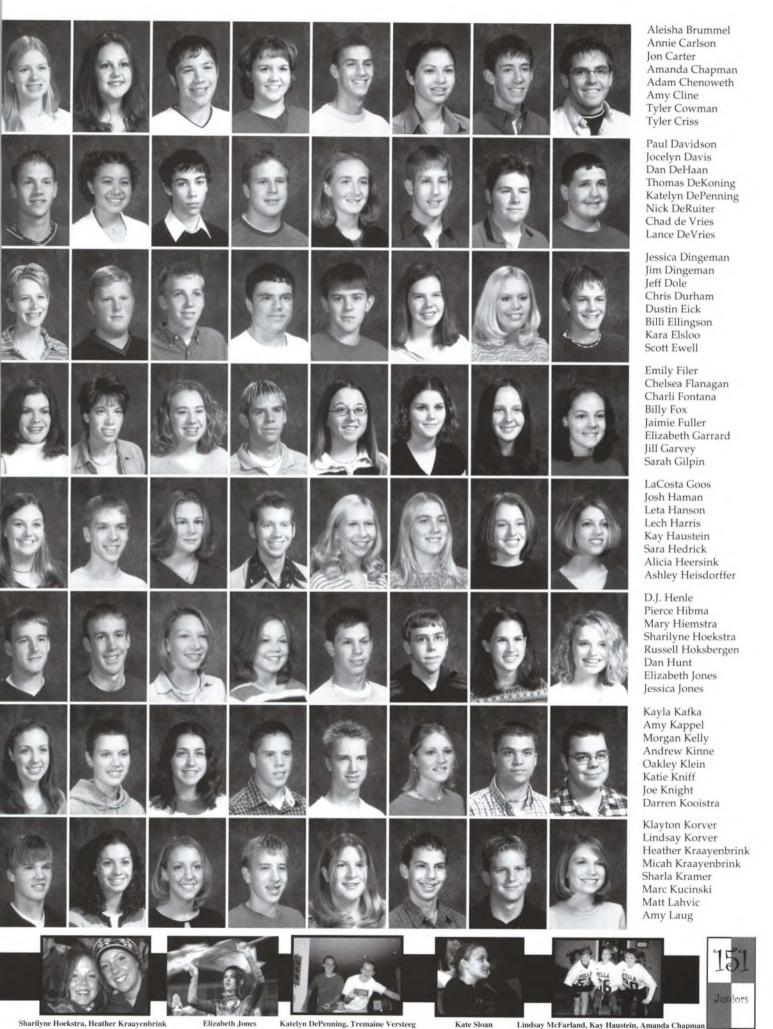
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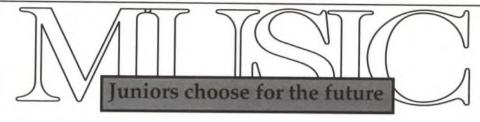
Students listened to various kinds of music, ranging from rhythm and blues to Christian. Twenty-nine percent of the juniors surveyed chose rap/hip-hop over the other kinds. Junior Emanuel Mate-Kodjo was one who chose rap/hip-hop. "Das my soul music. It's like a drug. When I'm buggin' it eases the nerves and relaxes the mind," said Mate-Kodjo.

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Of 152 juniors surveyed, 63 percent listened to music in their cars the most. "I listen to music the most when I'm in the car because that's where I seem to be the most of the time. Music and cars are a big part of my life," said junior Sharla Kramer.

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Thirty-nine percent of juniors said the radio influences their choice in music. "I listen to the radio because they usually choose all the good and popular songs to play. The radio is a lot easier and cheaper to listen to," said junior Lance DeVries.



Music will play a part in the future for three juniors, whether it be as a career or as a hobby.

Junior Tiffany Pol has many talents in different instruments and singing.

"I've been singing as long as I can remember, and my parents started me on piano when I was four. After discovering I have perfect pitch, it was easy for me to pick up other instruments such as violin and lead guitar. By playing in a band, I've picked up the bass guitar and drums," said Pol.

Some play music in their free time for fun or to help further future careers.

"I play the bass guitar, and I mostly play music for jazz band. I started playing in the seventh grade when jazz band started, and they needed someone to play it. The only way I'd probably pursue this in the future is just for fun or if I

> play for my church or something like that," said junior Katelyn DePenning.

> Junior Thomas De Koning hopes to continue playing with his band.

"I hope that my band still plays for a long time, but if we do part and go our own ways, I would like to get a band together in college. I actually want to go to college for music production, but if something else is calling me, I'll do that (but don't want to)," said DeKoning.



Junior Tiffany Pol plays the guitar while others sing along. "To spruce up the Ankeny band trip, Dan DeHaan brought along his guitar. I played and the back of the bus had a sing-a-long! It was lots of fun until we were told to shush," said Pol, pictured with junior Amber Seekamp.

> William VanWeelden Daron VanWyk Zach VanWyk Brian Venteicher Tremaine Versteeg Brad Veverka



























Sonya Ravestein, Jaci Van Ee



Tracy Marlow, Jena Marlow







A. Chapman, K. De Penning, T. Versteeg, B. Ellingson





Faces in the Crowd



Spanish teacher Gretchen Klein had the adventure of a lifetime from August through January after being named a Fulbright Scholar. She traveled to Argentina to train teachers there.

Klein lived three places in Argentina, including Buenos Aires, San Luis and Villa Mercedes. Elizabeth DiNardo, a teacher from Argentina, taught here for Klein.

"Buenos Aires is a very big city. It is a lot like the atmosphere in Europe. It was a great experience," said Klein.

Klein's son Oakley, a junior, traveled to Argentina with his father in December to visit his mother.

What's in a (nick)name?

Nicknames weren't reserved exclusively for just high school students. Even Pella's own faculty had nicknames.

French instructor Chris Sand had an interesting nickname.

"My nickname was 'Sanzy', or 'Ranger Rick'. It was the name that I actually put on my swim jacket. I have others, but they're probably not school appropriate," said Sand.

Some teachers had parents who gave them nicknames.

"My dad gave me the nickname of 'Bomber.' He yelled it a lot at my softball and basketball games," said journalism teacher Ann Visser.

Clarence Bergmann, media center specialist, also was given a nickname from his family.

"My dad's name was also Clarence, so everyone called me 'Junior',"

Math teacher Wade VanVark had problems with his name during the basketball season.

"The nickname that caught on the most was 'Opie.' Even people from other towns would call me that at basketball games," said VanVark.

What was your nickname in high school?



"I was called 'Thor the Greek God'." - Corey Thorson, physical education

•"My cross country team called me 'Opie' or 'Opium'." - Carrie Oppenhuizen, science

•""World Be Free.' It's a long story." - Eric Nelson, assistant principal

•"'Wooley Bear.' Mr. Huddle even calls me it today."- Steven Woolery, English

Carmen Anderson, curriculum secretary Fred Anthony, social studies/boys' track Mike Ballenger, counselor/assistant boys' basketball Dave Bensink, humanities/assistant football Guy Blair, instrumental music/marching band Bev Brass, English/humanities

> Teri Buitenwerf, office secretary Les Carter, science Wendy Chaplin, English Deb Clark, health/intramurals/p.e. Mark Core, social studies/boys' basketball Kristy DeJong, resource room

Mary Dickinson, business Elizabeth Di Nardo, Spanish Charlee Eekhoff, orchestra Jim Emmert, art/digital graphics Patty ErkenBrack, media center assoc. Karen Fitzsimmons, resource room assoc.







Jim Emmert



Guy Blair, Dick Redman



Patty ErkenBrack, Clarence Bergmann





Teri Buitenwerf, Jeffy Schuring



Mark Goodrich, industrial tech./TSA
April Gruver, resource room assoc.
Cathy Hones, science
Brian Huddle, at-risk coordinator/freshman basketball
Max Killoren, custodian
Ella Kool, guidance secretary

Bob Kramer, social studies/student council Mark Lee, principal Dennis Linn, math Regina Linn, English Bill Lubach, resource room Jay McKinstrey, business/football

Rita Moneysmith, custodian
Eric Nelson, assistant principal/NHS
Joyce Nelson, family & consumer sciences/FHA
Jon Nibbelink, math
Linda Nollen, study hall monitor
Carrie Oppenhuizen, science

Lisa Parrish, resource room assoc. Eric Pingel, science/technology Nickolet Pohorsky-Sand, choral music/Forte Dick Redman, jazz band/colorguard Dave Ross, English/football Shelly Sample, study hall monitor

Chris Sand, French/debate Matt Schulte, math/varsity football Jeffy Schuring, office secretary Jeff Siewert, science Paloma Soria, Spanish Julie Stratton, art

Corey Thorson, p.e Don Trow, industrial technology/School-to-Career Margene Van Horn, p.e./IMs/girls' tennis Wade Van Vark, math Mike Vint, counselor/girls' basketball/girls' golf Ann Visser, English/journalism

Not Pictured: Clarence Bergmann, media center specialist; Edith Buwalda, custodian; Sandra Cooper, food service; Sandy Glassel, custodian; Teresa Houser, food service; Gretchen Klein, Spanish; Steve McCombs, instrumental music; Guy Reeves, social studies; Bill Van Horn, athletic director; Gayle Ver Meer, food service; Judy Ver Steegt, food service; Brenda Versteeg, nurse; Walt Ward, custodian; Mark Wittmer, superintendent; Myron Linn, Joe Michels, Marv Van Wyk, Paul Van Zee, Ivan Vos, Board of Education members.













Wade VanVark Eric Nelson, Mark Lee



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Results/Awards

FFA Sweetheart-Ashley Sample Attendants-Elizabeth Summitt, Karrie Peterson, Katie Roorda Scholarship Awards-Kevin Ulmer, Amber Seekamp, Brian Melhus, Jordan Williams

Van Maanen Seed & Chemical Award-Matt Overbergen Top Fruit Sales (over 50 units)-Jordan Williams, Ashley Vander Hart, Katie Van Vark, Amber Seekamp

2002 Leadership Contest Results Conduct of Meetings-Gold-Ryan Sims, Austin Crase, Ashley Vander Hart, Derek Groenendyk, Luke Borgman, Ryan Van Roekel, Jake Boertje

Creed-Gold-Jordan Williams Public Speaking-District AlternateGold-Amber Seekamp Job Interview-District Alternate-Gold-Jacob Ahee

Ag Sales-Silver-Russ Hoksbergen Ag Broadcasting-District-SilverAlternate-Kevin Ulmer Chapter Program-District Alternate-Silver-Joe Knight, Lance De Vries, Dan Wichhart

Parliamentary Procedure-Bronze-Tyler Vermeer, Jeremy Olsen, Brian Boat, Nick Hartson, Mike Van Dusseldorp Extemporaneous Speaking-District Alternate-Bronze-Clint Dingeman Special Awards

Star Greenhand-Jordan Williams Star Chapter FFA Degree-Russell Hoksbergen

Honorary Chapter Soybean Degree-Teri Buitenwerf, Jeffy Schuring



Sophomore Katie Van Vark, junior Russell Hoksbergen, senior Kevin Ulmer, junior Ashley Sample and junior Joe Knight gather for the officer ceremonies at the FFA Banquet. "The thing I remember the most about this year was competing in the ag broadcasting area, I finished third. FFA as a whole had five district alternates. I had a great time in FFA. Somehow (senior) Jacob Ahee and I always found a way to have fun!" said Ulmer.

FFA members mix fun t

their knowledge at competitions was the main focus for FFA members. They went on a ski vention and took a trip to John Deere in Water-100.

Among other main events, members jumped at the chance to go skiing at Montezuma. Members went after school and spent three hours

going up and down the slopes.

were a lot of funny things that hapthrough a fence at the bottom of a hill when she was skiing. That was really started to freak out!" said sophomore Katie

Learning about agriculture and then testing funny. We had a really good time," said junior Chad deVries.

One of the biggest highlights for FFA was trip, traveled to Louisville for the national con-the opportunity for students to attend the national convention in Kentucky. A group of 10 students, sophomores and juniors, traveled to Louisville to learn more about agriculture. As they arrived, the students were gathered in the auditorium for a meeting when all of a sudden, the tornado sirens went off. The students had to "The winter ski trip was fun. There exit and stay in the hall for about 45 minutes.

"At first, nobody knew what was really gopened. Ashley Orr (sophomore) went ing on, but when we went into the halls and saw the police cars driving by, some people really Van Vark.



I had a ton of fun visiting the John Deere Plant. The recreation after the meetings were always a good time! Senior

Scott Mathes







"We were making Christmas crafts for our December neeting, and then we gave them away to the teachers. The eachers really appreciated the crafts we made and then ave to them," said sophomore Lacy May, pictured with unior Jessica Beranek while making their Christmas rojects. My most memorable moment was when we spent time getting to know each other. Senior Allison Emmerick



FHA brings in the holiday

FHA started their year with a great turnout at their first meeting. The members had a scavenger hunt, then made and devoured ice cream sundaes. At the December meeting, sophomore **Lacy May** taught everyone how to make edible Christmas trees. Members made many of these trees which distributed for the teachers to enjoy.

"Our December meeting was so much fun! After we made all those Christmas trees, Lacy (May, sophomore) and I went to pass them out to teachers who were still in the building. We found Ms. Chaplin and Mr. and Mrs. Sand. They really liked them!" said sophomore Natasha Vander Weide.

One of the biggest highlights of their year was the stuffed animal donation.

"I was really pleased that we were all able to brighten the kids' day with the stuffed animals we gave them," said senior **Darci Pleima**.

TSA races to the finish

With Mark Goodrich as adviser, TSA members were taught how to esign and construct RC cars, remote-controlled cars that can get up to maximum speed of 25 miles per hour. The main event at competitions the RC-Race which consists of ramps and obstacles to see how well not RC cars can maneuver. Throughout the year, the TSA team traveled of four different sites to compete in RC-Races.

TSA members advanced to state at the Marriott Hotel in Des Moines or a two-day competition. Members competed in the knowledge bowl, CC-Races, graphic designs, CO-carsœ and airplane flight races.

This summer, TSA members will be traveling to Colorado to attend ationals. Many students will be competing in the RC carraces, airplane light races, knowledge bowl, and other events against students.

"Hopefully, all of our cars and planes don't break like they have in ome of our other competitions!" said sophomore **Izaac Holt**. I'm looking forward to Nationals whitewater rafting and horseback riding. Sophomore **Ryan**

Boswell

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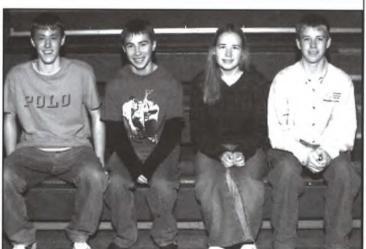
♦Sophomores Seamus Turnbull and Dustin Browne design their CO² cars for their upcoming competition.
"While designing our CO² cars, aerodynamics is a very important factor. Making the car as light as possible is the main goal we try to achieve. To meet this goal, we construct the car out of Bulsa or Bass wood," said Turnbull.

FHA

TSA



FHA. Public Relations Natasha Vander Weide, Projects Coordinator Lacy May, Vice President Amanda Vander Hart, President Darci Pleima, Treasurer Allison Emmerick ROW 2: Staci Kruseman, Kassi Van Wyk, Cassie Boertje, Jessica Beranek, Jaci VanEe, Sonya Ravestein.



TSA. Ryan Boswell, Izaac Holt, Jennifer Van Veldhuizen, President James Montgomery.



TSA

THESPIANS



THESPIANS. Stephanie Thomas, Ashley Belloma, President Allison Emerick, Jennifer Moore. ROW 2: Anna Whatling, Michael Trotter, Leta Hanson, Amy Cline, Kate Sloan, Kendra Bouwers. ROW 3: Samantha McCurry, David Trotter, Chris Wills, Gaoder Vue, Catie Beck, Adam Whitehead, ROW 4: Dan De Haan, Lech Harris, Brandon Boat, Nick Miller.



SPEECH, Karrie Peterson, Emma Vander Well, Allison Emerick, Katie Kniff, LaCosta Goos, Leta Hanson, Stephanie Thomas, Jenni Moore, Michael Trotter. ROW 2: Dan George, Brandon Boat, David Trotter, Joey Groonenboom, Hilary Pearson, Amy Cline, Elisabeth Kleven, Nick Miller. ROW 3: Sam Reicks, Samantha McCurry, Catie Beck, Megan Weiler, Adam Whitehead, Chris Wills, Gaoder Vue, Dan De Haan. ROW 4: Katie Van Dusseldorp, Lech Harris, Heather Lukens, Katie Collins, Anna Whatling, Michelle Steenhoek, Ashley Belloma, Suzanne Corum.

Results

Large Group District Contest at Montezuma, Jan. 19 State Contest at Pella, Feb. 2

 Reader's Theatre, Girls of the Garden Club - District, I; State, I; All-State LaCosta Goos, Elisabeth Kleven, Karrie Peterson, Megan Weiler, Michelle Steenhoek, Emma Vander Well, Katie Van Dusseldorp, Anna Whatling

Ensemble Acting, Pygmallion - District, I; State, II

Michael Trotter, Emma Vander Well

• Ensemble Acting, Bread - District, I; State, II

Brandon Boat, Hilary Pearson, Samantha Mc Curry, Lech Harris, Dan

Ensemble Acting, The Runaway - District, I; State, II

Heather Lukens, Katie Collins

• Group Improvisation - District, I; State, I

Dan DeHaan, Brandon Boat, Nick Miller, Billy Van Weelden

Group Improvisation - District, I, State I

Allison Emerick, Lech Harris, Hilary Pearson, Sam Reicks

Group Improvisation - District, II

Aleisha Brummel, Amy Cline, Elisabeth Kleven, Stephanie Thomas, **David Trotter**

 Choral Reading, I Saved A Winter Just for You - District II Joe Groenenboom, Katie Kniff, Michelle Steenhoek, Michael Trotter, Gaoder Vue

One Act, Final Dress Rehearsal - District, II

Aleisha Brummel, Amy Cline, Suzanne Corum, Leta Hanson, Sam Reicks, David Trotter, LaCosta Goos, Adam Whitehead, Joe Groenenboom, Jenni Moore, Stephanie Thomas, Megan Weiler, Anna Whatling

Individual State Competition at Clinton, March 17

Acting: Amy Cline, I; Ashley Belloma, I Michael Trotter, I; Gaoder Vue, I Public Address:

Chris Wills, I After Dinner: Lech Harris, I

Original Oratory: *Allison Emerick, I Amy Cline, II; Storytelling:

Michelle Steenhoek, I

Jennifer Moore, I; Katie Van Dusseldorp, I Poetry:

LaCosta Goos, II; *Chris Wills, I Spont. Speaking

Lech Harris, I Improv.: *Michael Trotter, I Literary Prog.:

*Leta Hanson, I; Gaoder Vue, I Prose:

*Denotes All-State Selection

Speech students qualify for state, all-state

All-state honors were given to the speech group after the state speech contest was held. Four students who competed in individual contests were also honored.

The reader's theatre group, The Girls of the Garden Club, received All State Recognition Feb. 16 in

> Ames after receiving the highest possible 'I' rating at district and at state.

"We had so much fun together practicing, and it was

such an honor to be nominated for an all-state title," said sophomore Emma Vander Well.

At the state individual meet held in Clinton on March 17, several students competed in multiple cat-

"Speech at state was really fun because there were so many hardcore speech freaks. I was really scared because my literature program has a few controversial topics, but I guess the judges liked it because they sent me to All State," said junior Michael Trotter.

I missed going to the All-State ceremony, but when I found out we'd won, I started screaming! Freshman Elisabeth Kleven



Senior Hilary Pearson, juniors Michelle Steenho and Gaoder Vue and sophomore Katie Collins tak break at speech contest to share a laugh. "Our ensem act, Bread, was so much fun. But, we got jipped on state performance ...," said Pearson.



Seniors Jenni Moore, right, and Stephanie Thomas, eft, make some last minute adjustments to their speech, as ne affirmative, on ethanol gasoline. "Our debate season yent really well this year because we had lots of good eople. Even when we had to switch off of our regular arsity team, we still did well," said Moore.



In Junior Lech Harris relaxes as he reads over the prepaations for his next debate speech. "I'm pleased that I made all-conference and got to the finals. We were the only team to beat Knoxville at the championhips," said Harris.

He's back!

Sand returns after two years to coach another debate season

As another debate season started, French teacher **Chris Sand** found himself in charge of the team once again. **Sand** created the debate team in 1996, and several students have been active in the club ever since.

One of **Sand's** fondest memories of students involved in debate was of graduate **Sarah Braun**, who passed away in January.

"She was the first person who came up to me to say that she would like to be on the team, and she actually participated with us for two years," said **Sand**.

Sand coached debaters from 1996 to 1999. In 1999, former Spanish teacher Melissa Walker coached in place of Sand for the year, as Sand took a job elsewhere. Lisa Witzenberg coached the team last year as Sand took the role of assistant coach.

"I really wanted to come back

because Pella has such a desire to be good at everything they do. Also, because this is the team that I had helped to create," said Sand.

Before coming to Pella, Sand had no experience in coaching debate. The first season's record loss was 4-20. Sand had, however, once helped coach a speech team at another school prior to working with his team in Pella.

The team has shown improvement every season.

"I feel that now we are getting together just knowing what we have to do. Learning from other teams has proved to be our greatest teacher," **Sand** said.

"It was really nice having Mr. Sand back because while he was gone, all of us had to teach not only the new debaters how things work, but we had to teach our coaches how to judge!" said senior Jenni Moore.



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Junior

Gaoder Vue

DEBATE

DEBATE. LaCosta Goos, Stephanie Thomas, Dan DeHaan, Lech Harris, Jenni Moore. ROW 2: Joseph Groenenboom, Leta Hanson, Gaoder Vue.

Results, Honors

Week 1: Stephanie Thomas, Jenni Moore, 2-0 Lech Harris, Dan DeHaan, 2-0 (by forefit)

> Week 2: Thomas, Moore, 2-0 Harris, Jessica Reeves, 1-1

Week 3: Thomas, Moore, 1-1 Harris, DeHaan, 1-1

Week 4: Gaoder Vue, Joseph Groenenboom, 0-2 Harris, Reeves, 1-1

> Week 5: Thomas, LaCosta Goos, 1-1 Harris, DeHaan, 1-1

> > Week 6: Goos, Moore, 2-0 Harris, DeHaan, 2-0

All-conference debaters: junior **Lech Harris**, seniors **Stephanie Thomas** and **Jennifer Moore**.

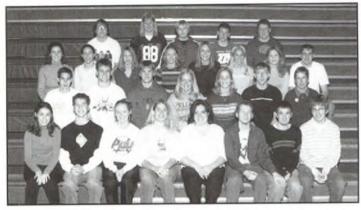


Duchess



DUCHESS. Diana Nguyen, Shelley Vander Werff, Jessica Grier, Katie Van Dusseldorp, Erica Knoll, Allison Roush, Kristin Wares, Elizabeth Summitt, Jenn Freeman, Karrie Peterson. ROW 2: Jaimie Fuller, Jason Pridgen (1st semester), Dustin Eick, Amanda Chapman, Lindsay Korver, Tara Sorensen, Brittany Mc Culla, Karen Williams, Angela Lo Thi, Katie Ozinga. ROW 3: Adviser Ann Visser, Stephanie Slatton, Natasha Vander Weide, Annie Ter Louw, Alice Quangvan, Kelly Hudson, Lacey Malek, Rachel Barnes, Lauren Birkel. Not Pictured: Megan McConville, Lindsey Vander Wert.

Outstanding Staff Member Awards Senior Julia Nurse, Pelladium Senior Erica Knoll, Duchess



PELLADUIM. Morgan Kelly (1st semester), Cory Vande Kieft (1st semester), Katie Sopher (1st semester), Julia Nurse, Kassi Van Wyk, Lech Harris, William Van Weelden, Kyle Simpson. ROW 2: Sergio Navarro, Scott Mathes, Klayton Korver, Kristin Sytsma, Allison Emerick, Dan Hunt, Adviser Ann Visser. ROW 3: Ashley Braun (1st semester), Emma Vander Well, Amanda Van Sant, Courtney Fleenor, Danielle Brillhart, Lyndsay Van Maaren, Jenny Veenstra, Matt De Vries (1st semester). ROW 4: David Trotter, Kristin Van Zee, Leah Robinson, Alex Schuring, Brad McNabb (1st semester). Not pictured: Michael Trotter (2nd semester).



PROOF ME! Junior Lech Harris reads over an editorial page from the April Pelladium. Proofing the page before they were sent to the Town Crier was one of the final production steps of the paper. "Editing is a crucial step in the Pelladium process," said Harris. "However, as those nitpicking critics know, it is impossible to catch every mistake. We do our best." Duchess Neubert Award

Pelladium - IHSPA Pelladium Staff-Graphics, 1st, IHSPA

Lech Harris, 1st, Editorial Cartooning: 2nd, Editorial Cartooning: HM, Editorial Cartooning: 1st, Illustrations: 3rd, Illustrations

> Kassi Van Wyk, 2nd, Editorials; 1st, Layout & Design

Van Wyk, Cory Vande Kieft, 2nd, Illustrations

Sergio Navarro, 3rd, News: HM, Layout & Design

Julia Nurse, HM, Sports

Pelladium - Iowa Press Women Navarro, Ist, Editorials Vande Kieft, Ist, Graphics Nurse, 3rd, Sports Jenn Freeman, HM, Sports Photo Duchess/Pelladium staff members' fundraising efforts paid of throughout the year as they were able to add two laptops, a digita camera and a printer to their equipment inventory.

A switch in advertising approach was one way the staff financed the extra equipment. They used the 'banner' approach adopted by Pella Christian several years ago and saw a net income of almost \$15,000

"The new equipment has been fantastic! My favorite is the digital camera; it has been worth every cent. It's nice to have laptops to have students work at home, and the printer is nice because it doesn't jam,' said Adviser Ann Visser.

In other areas, the Pelladium had a different look this year for two issues. The paper was regularly-sized, which met with a positive reaction.

"I thought the bigger paper was more attractive; we had a lot more room to fill," said sophomore **Amanda Van Sant**.

Financial concerns brought the Pelladium back to its original size after the January issue. The full-sized papers cost the staff twice as much as the tabloid sizes.

Student Council

Filling the pop machine in the lower lobby was the major activity of the student council. The group took in approximately \$7,000 from this fundraiser. They used the money to fund the abbreviated Winter Formal (it was held after a basketball game), and they also supplemented the senior picnic.

For first year council member **Andrew Bradley**, freshman, serving was somewhat tedious.

"Being in student council was boring because the upperclassmen led it; the freshmen listened and develop their opinions on their ideas," said **Bradley**. STUDENT COUNCIL. Vice President Brianne Schutte, Allison Roush, Cory Vande Kieft, Scott Mathes. ROW 2: Kyle Simpson, Ashley Braun, Stuart Steenhoek, Michael Trotter. ROW 3: Joey Groenboom, Angela Lo Thi, Whitney Metcalf, Toney Chem. ROW 4: Luisa Orticelli, Chelsea Pelland, Jill Van Vark, Andrew Bradley.



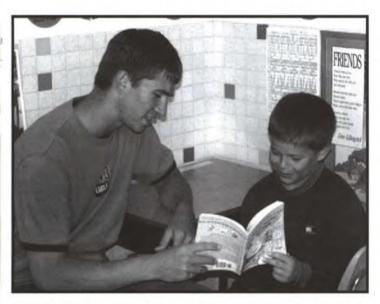


National Honor Society



SENIORS. Katie Ross, Hillary Pearson, Vice President Mike Mitchell, President Carson Eggland, Treasurer Bryan George, Secretary Elizabeth Summitt, Jonathan Whalley, Chris Westra, Lori Sopher. ROW 2: Jenni Moore, Erica Knoll, Sarah Way, Alicia Broach, Julia Nurse, Renee DeKock, John Bogaards, Brian Steenhoek, Hillary Recker. ROW 3: Ali Angel, Sunny Visser, Holli Hill, Allison Roush, Karrie Peterson, Brianne Schutte, Kristin Wares, Pete Randol, Lindsay Okerberg. Row 4: Ashley Sponsler, Staci Kruseman, Elizabeth Bruss, Dan Goodyk, Matt De Vries, Jon Landon, Sergio Navarro.

Projects of the National Honor Society influenced students at the elementary schools. Literacy Army was designed to help younger

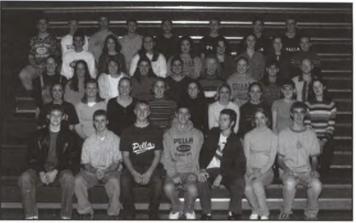


♦ HELPING OUT. Literacy Army gave students a chance to go to elementary schools and help students there with their reading skills. "Literacy Army was a fun and different experience. I enjoyed taking what I've been taught and passing it on to others. Even though it was a hassle to make some of my appointments, I never regretted showing up," said junior Stuart Steenhoek, a NHS member.





♦FUN FOR ALL. NHS members Lindsay Mc Farland, junior,left, and Jonathan Landon, senior, right, help out at the Read a Million Minutes carnival held in April. The carnival was a NHS service project.



JUNIORS. Ben Bollard, Michael Van Dusseldorp, Kevin Van Dyke, Adam Chenoweth, Lech Harris, Adrian Bell, Daron Van Wyk. ROW 2: Kayla Kafka, Tremaine Versteeg, Tracy Marlow, Jena Marlow, Lindsay Korver, Tera Behning, Sarah Gilpin, Sonya Ravensein, Jaci Van Ee. ROW 3: Jessica Boertje, Tiffany Pol, Kate Sloan, Amber Seekamp, Kathryn Phillips. ROW 4: Ryan Ter Louw, Catie Beck, LaCosta Goos, Lindsay McFarland, Michelle Steenhoek, Kayla Vander Wert, Billi Ellingson, Katelyn DePenning. ROW 5: D.J. Henle, Brian Venteicher, Jeff Steenhoek, Stuart Steenhoek, Jon Carter, Jeff Dole, Luke Ballenger, Pierce Hibma.

students improve their reading skills. Students had the opportunity to volunteer from January through April.

"I really enjoyed reading to the prekindergarten students because I like to read to kids," said junior **Bryan Venteicher**.

Students also participated in the American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days fundraiser. Students sold bunches of daffodils during the months of January and February, bringing in over \$900.

"Selling daffodils was rewarding because it went to a good cause. Everyone who bought some made a contribution to a good cause and got pretty flowers, too," said junior **Tracy Marlow**.

Another big event for NHS was the

PTO Elementary Carnival. The carnival marked the end of the elementary schools' Read a Million Minutes program.

During the month of September and May, students assisted with the field and track day at Webster and Lincoln Elementary.

"Helping out with the field day was a great way to spend a sunny afternoon. The kids had so much energy. (Junior) **Katelyn De Penning** and I had a blast with the obstacle course, especially when we got to demonstrate," said junior **Tremaine Versteeg**.

Sophomores had the chance to become part of National Honor Society. Students submitted their induction sheets and waited for the chance to become part of the experience. They were inducted Feb. 21.

"The ceremony for the NHS induction went very smoothly. It wasn't too short or too long, and I thought everyone had a good time," said sophomore Louis Vander Streek.

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Youth Groups/Service Trips



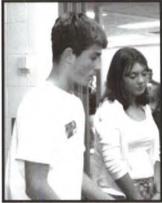
◆Sophomore Josh Jaarsma, right, along with his mission team, place concrete blocks for a wall during the process of building a house. Jaarsma traveled to Juarez, Mexico, during spring break.



Senior Julie Rietema and junior Amber Seekamp make Easter baskets at Lamb's Church on Times Square in New York City. The baskets were made and donated to families' of the victims in the Sept. 11 tragedy. Rietema and Seekamp went to New York during spring break with the 242 youth group.



Sophomore Brandon Boat and junior Chris Freshman Lacey Pender watches Boeyink perform a play during a presentation at as classmate Bruno Orticelli com-Second Reformed Church.



petes in a game of fooseball at 242.

Sophomores Josiah Santiago and Brad McNabb compete in a team building activity at Winter Camp at Forest Lake for First Baptist Church.



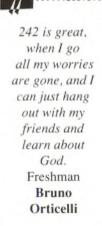
Wednesday nights provided a break in the week for students to get together and have fun. Many students attended 242 at Third Reformed Church on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Students participated in various teams, such as service, drama, or music.

"I partook in drama because I felt it was a way to give back what God has given me. I also love to act, so it worked well," said sophomore Alexis Baugh.

Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) is the high school youth group at Peace Lutheran Church. Activities ranged from service

projects to entertaining outings. These activities were planned by the youth and took place once a month.

"LYO provided the youth at our church with a way to positively influence our community and have fun. I was really proud to be a part



of it," said freshman Takara Hrdlicka.

Youth group wasn't just a place to hang with friends. For some, going to youth group was a big influence in their lives.

"Youth group impacted my life tremendously. It gave me a place to go and grow in my spiritual walk with God. It has also provided me with a Christian community that loved and supported me through anything. Because of the impact youth group made on me, it's my goal to become a youth pastor someday," said senior Jennifer Floden. She attended Underground at First Baptist Church.

Senior Ashley Pavlat agreed.

"My life has been greatly influenced by my youth group (242). It has created closer ties with both my peers and with God. It has also created a deeper desire in my life to serve the Lord by becoming a youth pastor myself," said Pavlat.

Youth Groups

242

Church: Third Reformed Meets: Wednesday nights Leaders: Sarah Walsten, Jen Terpstra, Marty Schmidt,

Mike Redman

Average # of Participants: 45

Underground

15

Church: First Baptist Meets: Wednesday nights Leaders: Lonney Moore Average # of Participants: 10

Church: Second Reformed Meets: Sunday nights Leaders: Jonathan Dykstra Average # of Participants: 10-

Church: United Methodist Meets: Sunday nights Leaders: Rev. Jim Beranek Average # of Participants: 10-15

Church: St. Mary's Catholic Meets: Sunday nights Leaders: Carol Laughlin Average # of Participants: 15

Church: First Reformed Meets: Sunday nights Leaders: Lisa and Brian Zvlstra, Marie Vander Werf Average # of Participants: 10-15

YF

Church: Trinity Reformed Meets: Sunday nights Leaders: Wade Van Dyke, Heather Butler, Ken and Chris Oppenhuizen, Rick Westra

Average # of Participants: 15-20

Church: Peace Lutheran Meets: Sunday nights Leaders: Diana King, Kim Wills

Average # of Participants: 15



Empower

For this year's Empower program, 32 students signed up to be involved in teaching sixth and seventh grade students at the Pella

Middle School and surrounding towns. Their purpose was to encourage the students to remain abstinent and drug-free. It was an opportunity for high school students to become role models.

"Empower was a lot of fun. It was rewarding when you saw how the kids looked up at you and was funny when they only stared at you. I think both the kids and leaders got a lot out of it," said junior Tiffany Pol.

Before visiting the two four-hour training sessions.

The sessions prepared them to handle the various questions students would possibly ask.

"We learned fun ways to inter-

act with the younger kids. Empower has been quite an experience," said junior Jeff Dole.

Junior LaCosta Goos thought that being involved in this year's Empower program was beneficial to both her and the middle schoolers.

"Teaching Empower has been really rewarding. It's fun to talk to younger kids and help them make good decisions,"



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Junior

LaCosta

Goos



Senior Heather Vande Lune and junior Jeff Dole interact with seventh grade students at Pella Middle School and help them with their homework while answering any questions.

Sophomore Andy Hawkins and junior LaCosta Goos answer questions during a panel discussion on their Empower teaching day at Pleasantville, one of five districts the students visited.

Peer Helper

In peer helper, seniors focused on group and one-on-one discussions to improve communication skills. Their discussions were topics which normally would not be discussed.

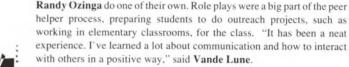
Seniors were expected to take part in an outreach project where they worked with kids in the elementary and middle schools.

"When I worked with eighth graders, it was a great experience. I looked forward to going every day and each day, we did something different and always had fun," said senior Darci Pleima.

I thought it would be a good experience working with younger kids. It's a good outreach project.

> Senior Tyler

Beerends











Houston, Oct. 4, 2001 Barry Bonds, San Francisco Giants, tied Mark McGwire's home run record 'I thought it was great that Barry Bonds broke the record. I hope that in the following years, more players will hit more home runs, and that the record will keep getting set higher."

Sophomore Kendi Beyer



New York, Oct. 4, 2001•Father Brian Jordan blesses a cross of steel beams that was once part of the World Trade Centers•"It was a very encouraging sight. I think it began to help us understand why this all happened."

Senior Ashley Pavlat



Los Angeles, Feb. 27, 2002•Nelly Furtado performs at the 44th annual Grammy Awards•"I thought her performance was really vibrant and energetic. The way she performed and what

> she wore showed her ethnic culture."

Sophomore Mitch Horn



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Pentagon, Sept. 12, 2001 •visit by Secretary of Defense and President George W. Bush•"I think it's really great that he went to the Pentagon to thank everyone. It was really nice of him to even consider all the things that those people did."

> Sophomore Alison Van Hal



New Orleans, Feb. 3, 2002•Patriots kicker, Adam Vinatieri, celebrates his 48-yard gamewinning field goal• "I especially enjoyed the special Playmate Fear Factor episode after the Super Bowl. Denver Broncos are number 1!"

Junior Micah Ybarrola



New York, Sept. 11, 2001 People run from the collapse of the World Trade Center Towers I think this was both a good and bad accident. It definitely brought our country together in unity, but a lot of

Freshman Ashton Kelly

good people died

unnecessarily for







Los Angeles, July 17, 2001. Julia Roberts arrives at America's Sweethearts premiere."... I like Julia Roberts is because of the numerous movies she has been in as well as her ability to portray different roles. My favorite movies are Pretty Woman, Notting Hill and Runaway Bride."

> Sophomore Stephanie Kindred



Los Angeles, March 10, 2002. Halle Berry accepts an Academy Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor "I think she was great in Swordfish, and I'm proud of all her accomplishments."

Junior **Brittany LeMay**



Jerusalem, Feb. 21, 2002. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon says that Israel will fight terroism• "Obviously Sharon thinks they ran out of options with a peaceful settlement and believes that the only way to get his point

across is to use force against the Palestinians."

Sophomore **Brandon Dusanic**





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Afghanistan, March 3, 2002• Sgt. Jonathan Blossom runs for cover during a fire fight. "I think it's too bad that we have to fight in Afghanistan and lose American troops."

Freshman Kyle Oppenhuizen



Beverly Hills, Jan. 20, 2002• Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt arrive at the 59th Annual Golden Globe awards. "They are both great actors and role models. I am very happy that they are both being seen out in public together."

Junior Leta Hanson



Michigan, Oct. 11, 2002. Michael Jordan plays for the Washington Wizards for the first time. "I'm glad Michael Jordan is playing basketball because he should do whatever makes his boat float,"

Sophomore Loni May







People's Choice Awards, 2002 Mike Meyers receives an award for his outstanding performances. "I think Mike Meyers was very deserving of the People's Choice Award. Not only is Mike an hysterical actor, but he did a very good job in Shrek."

> Freshman Josiah Carter



New York, Sept. 8, 2002 • Venus and Serena Williams pose after their U.S. Open singles final where Venus defeated Serena "I think it's cool the sisters could play against each other without conflicting and that they know each others' abilities before the match starts."

> Junior Jocelyn Davis



New York, March 11. 2002 Two beams of light accent the sky above Manhattan from near the site of the World Trade Center. "Seeing the

> lights from the Empire State Building was a powerful experience."

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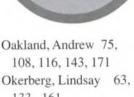
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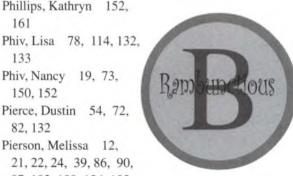
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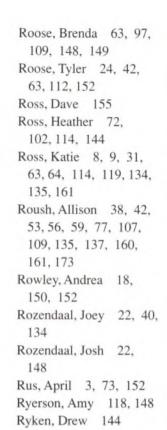
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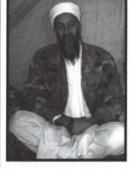
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Council Bluffs, IA+June 11 2002-1999 graduate Pang Yang, the sister of sophomore Chung Yang and freshman Naomi Yang, was killed in an accidental shooting after a surprise for her fiance turned to tragedy.



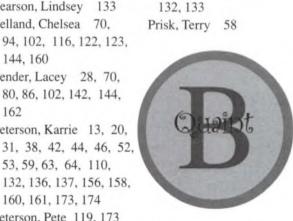
Afghanistan, 1998 photo of wanted criminal Osama bin Laden "I think he's a bit of a coward for doing this and running away to hide. He should at least face what he's done and suffer the consequences.

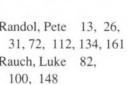
Sophomore Tanna VanDenBerg



Salt Lake City, Feb 21, 2002 Sarah Hughes waves to the crowd after winning her gold medal in women's skating competition at the Winter Olympics "Having Sarah Hughes

win the gold medal was great. It was nice to see someone new win."







Freshman Rachel Shaw





Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 2001 • Arizona Diamondbacks claim the World Series championshp over the New York Yankees. "It's pretty amazing that they just started their franchise and have already won the World Series." Freshman Cody Verros



Salt Lake City, Feb. 8, 2002.8 US athletes and fire fighters carry the tattered US flag from the World Trade Center into the opening ceremonies at the Olympics "I thought it was neat that they had the sentimental value and it was a good choice that they continued the Olympic games." Sophomore Andrew Lundgren



Los Angeles, Feb. 27, 2002•With her breakout record, Alicia Keys went home with five grammys. "Alicia keyes is a very talented singer who won a

well deserved grammy for a great voice that deserved to be recognized." Junior Alicia Hersink

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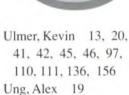
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Switzerland, Dec. 2002 · Security measures tightened after the tragedy on 9/11. "I think it's good that we are doing what we can to find ways to protect everyone, and the new airport security is a good policy." Sophomore Chelsea Freese



Brooklyn, Sept. 13, 2001 People pray and sing against the skyline where the Twin Towers used to stand "It helped to unify the people of our country and help them to appreciate life more." Freshman Andrew Oakland



Hollywood, Feb. 27, 2002 Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze of Russie and Jamie Sale and David Pelletier of Canada pose with their gold medals."I think the Canadians should have won because the judges were unfair in their decisions." Sophomore

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·My favorite memory of the 2002 school year was: ·My boyfriends/girlfriends/crushes were: ·My favorite sport was: ·The car I had was: ·My favorite song was: ·My best friends were: The biggest obstacle I had to overcome this year was:

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Got to be...



...competitive

Derek Forsythe, a freshman, flies through the air during one of the varsity track meets. "My first year of varsity track was exciting, and I learned a lot. The high points of the year were probably winning the Charger Relays and finally beating Pella Christian in the conference meet," said **Forsythe**.

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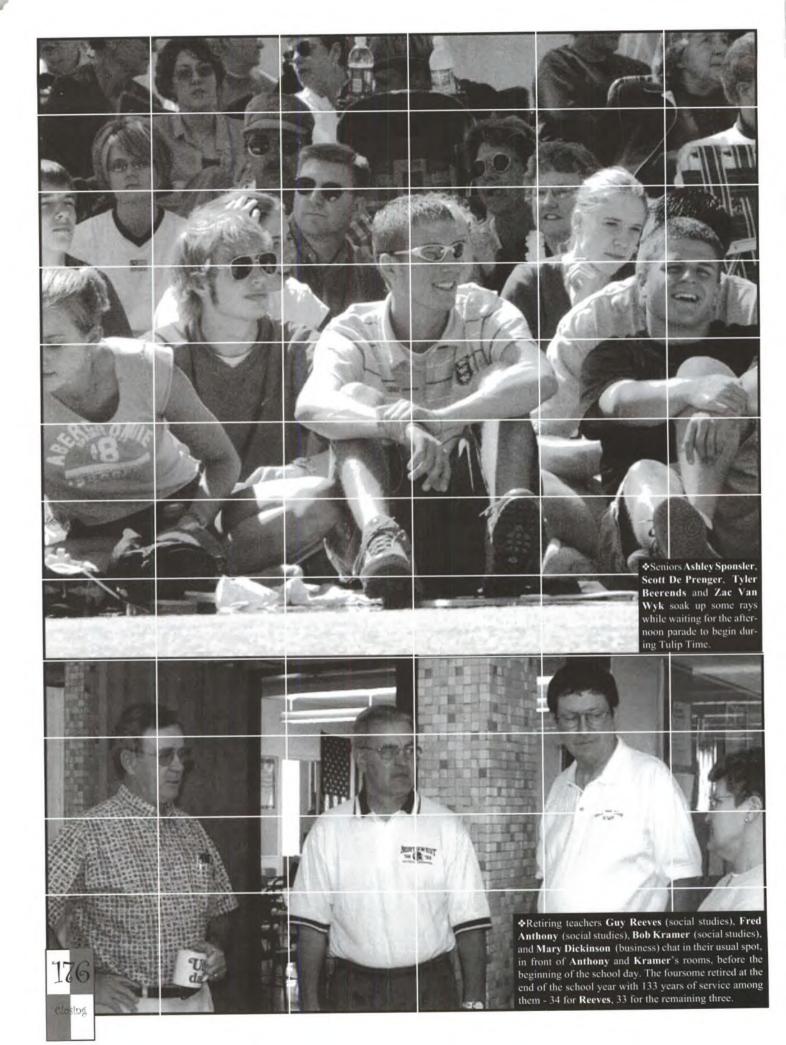
Seniors Julia Nurse and Megan Laughlin create a memorable moment at prom by dancing the night away. "My favorite part was the dance itself, but after-prom was a close second. My friends and I definitely had a lot of great memories," said Nurse.

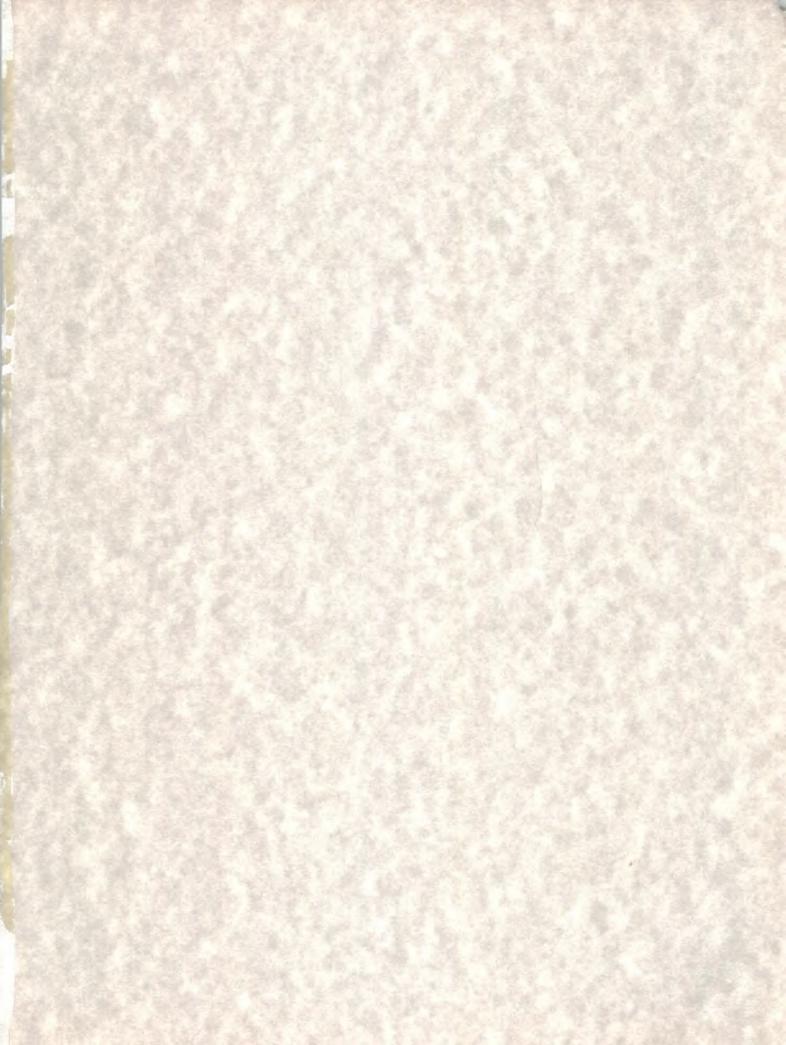




...charismatic

Junior **Ashley Braun** hits the dance floor at the Spring Fling dance held May 11. "I hit the Spring Fling with my gal pals, and we rocked the place. I think my fun came from my kickin' aviators. Yeah, I definitely busted a move!" said **Braun**.





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